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June 22, 1922 – December 31, 1922

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Miscellaneous Recipients

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## Miscellaneous

## Bureau of the Mint

## Treasury Department

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 22, 1922.

Bunker Hill Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company

San Francisco, California.

Offer forty two thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Scobey

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
2–5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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Director of the Mint

General Supply Committee, June 22, 1922.

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

United States Assay Office, New York City.

Underwood Standard Typewriter #5, Pinpoint check typewriter. This machine to be used in the Cashier's Department, United States Assay Office, New York, for checks.

It is understood that the machine to be sent is in good condition.

Director of the Mint

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June 22, 1922.

Mr. H. M. Weaver,

McMinnville, Tenn.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the mineral forwarded with your letter of June 19, and beg to advise that a visual examination would indicate that the same is pyrites and has no particular value.

In this connection please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Mint at New Orleans will make assays to determine gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metald determined.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1922.

Miss Ruby Rubenstein,

Thomas, West Virginia.

Madame:

I am returning herewith the ore forwarded in connection with your letter of June 20. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 23, 1922.

Security State Bank,

Lowry, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the specimen of ore forwarded with your letter of June 20 for assay. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

CR

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June 23, 1922.

Mr. Loring Coz,

Birch River, West Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the sand forwarded with your letter of June 13, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

9—5708

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 24, 1922.

Bunter Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company

San Francisco, California.

Offer forty five thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted SanFrancisco

Scobey

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

9—5708 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

June 24, 1922.

Quincy Mining Company,
52 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Refering to your letter of June 19 in regard to deposits of silver you are now making at the Assay Office in New York for which you receive in exchange silver bars subsequently delivered to the United States Mint at Philadelphia to be paid for under the terms of the Pittman Act; I would suggest that the silver you are now delivering to the New York Assay Office for treatment could be offered to this Bureau and delivered to the United States Mint at Philadelphia directly, thus saving the handling of the silver at the New York Assay Office. A deduction would then be estimated on the value of Pittman silver, it being understood, of course, that the silver in question would be covered by the required affidavits.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 24, 1922.

Mr. Stouffer,
General Supply Committee,
Auditor's Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In accordance with telephone request of this morning I am enclosing herewith Government bill of lading to cover shipment of Pinpoint check typewriter to the United States Assay Office, New York.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

CR

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June 24, 1922.

Mr. H. B. Smith,
1750 San Fernando Road,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 19 relative to Pittman silver, you are advised that in order to obtain the benefits of the Pittman Act in selling silver to the Government it is necessary that ownership of the silver be certified to and also that the name of the mine in the United States from which the silver was obtained be given. This is done for the purpose of insuring to United States silver owners exclusively the benefits of the Pittman Act. The Mints would not receive the silver unless accompanied by owner's statement giving the location of the mine and the owner of the same, and evidence in case the silver was purchased from the mine owner that $1.00 an ounce was paid for it.

If the owner of the mine desires to sell silver directly to the Government in the form of bullion a certificate certifying to ownership is required.

I trust this is the information your letter of June 19 asks for.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR.

June 23, 1922.

Paul-Gale-Greenwood Co., Inc.

Norfolk, Virginia. Department #1.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 20 addressed to the Treasury Department, and which has been referred to this office, you are advised that search of the files of this office and inquiry in several offices of the Department fail to reveal any record of your letter or deposit of June 13.

It is suggested that you address the particular Bureau of the Treasury Department concerned.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington

June 26, 192.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted

Philadelphia

O'Reilly
Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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June 26, 1922.

Mr. T. G. Tanner,
Box 43,
Tetonia, Idaho.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the specimen of rock forwarded with your letter of June 20, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1922.

W. H. Loudermilk & Co.,
1430 F Street,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with bid submitted by you under date of June 7, 1922, will you please forward to this Bureau one copy of "International Finance and its Reorganization," by Friedman at $7.00, less 10%, $6.30.

I am enclosing herewith voucher which I will ask you to execute and return with the book.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1922.

Mr. Nathan Cornish,
R.F.D. No. 1, Box 9,
Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover, unopened, the specimens of ore forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the Assayer in Charge, United States Mint, New Orleans, La., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director or the Mint.

June 26, 1922.

Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Will you kindly furnish this Bureau with 100 copies of Form 3-R 6, as revised, for distribution to the field offices of the Mint and Assay Service.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1922.

Leyse Aluminum Co.,
Grand Hotel,
Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 23rd you are advised that 1922 one cent pieces have been coined by the United States Mint at Denver. These coins are not being paid out, however, as there are large stocks of circulated coins of this denomination on hand at the Mints and in the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1922.

Mr. Will F. Muse,
The Mason City Globe Gazette,
Mason City, Iowa.

Sir:

Your letter of June 16 addressed to the Hon. C. N. Haugen, House of Representatives, has been referred to this Bureau for attention. In reply you are informed that the portrait on the old silver dollar is not that of any particular individual, it being an idealized head designed by the present engraver at the Philadelphia Mint, Mr. Morgan.

This Bureau has no knowledge of the address of Miss Anna D. Williams to whom you refer in your letter.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

"Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1922"

The General Supply Committee, June 27th, 22

Washington, D. C.

at once

Storekeeper, Treasury Department (for Remington Typewriter Company)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Royal typewriter No. 5 - #302681 | 1 | ea | $25.00 | $25 00 |

(For exchange on Mint Bureau order of
May 4, 1922.)

$25 00

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1922.

Mr. Edwin C. Ford,
c/o U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Returned herewith is voucher submitted by you for reimbursement of traveling expenses incurred up to and including June 25, 1922, together with supporting papers, with request that reference be made to the travel regulations concerning laundry charges. If such charges are to be prorated the period to be covered should be stated; in such case the allowance of $5.00 per day for subsistence will on some days be exceeded, which would necessitate deduction of the amount by which the limit is exceeded.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Inc. Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 27, 1922.

Mr. John Ludwick,
126 E. State St.,
Albion, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 25, I regret to advise you that we are unable to decide what is meant by a "Souvenir of Washington".

I am returning the eight cents in stamps herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 27, 1922.

Mr. Lester Davis,
1134 Washington St.,
Columbia, S. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 24 you are advised that the Government does not publish a "History of American Coinage." I am, however, forwarding to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 which may be of interest to you.

Respectfully,

M. McRaney

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1922.

Major S. S. Creighton, M.C.,
Office of the Surgeon General,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 21 in which you advise that you have on hand in Atlanta 29,130 ounces of deteriorated Protargol, which your Chief Chemist reports contains metalic silver, 8% of which may be recovered, I have to request that you forward to the United States Assay Office, New York, about 50 ounces of this material in order that a test can be made to determine whether or not the recovery of the silver could be made at the New York Office. The Superintendent of that institution has been instructed to make this test upon receipt of the fifty ounces from you.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1933.

Mr. Tracy Mills,
302 Citizens Bank Building,
Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 21 you are advised that 5,479,519 five cent pieces with the letter "Y" without the word "Cents" were issued.

Respectfully,

W. A. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 27, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones,
Editor, Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Complying with your request of May 26, you are advised that there have been purchased to June 24, 1922, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 115,967,506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1922.

Quincy Mining Company,
52 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 26th instant, please find herewith copy of Treasury Department Circular No. 52 entitled "Evidence of Proper Payment of Vouchers", which circular correctly states the principles governing bullion transactions at the Mints and Assay offices.

Should you care to send silver bullion produced by your company in Michigan direct to the Philadelphia Mint such procedure is authorized, without prior tender to the Director of the Mint, during the life of the Pittman Act. Your affidavit evidencing domestic production may carry gross ounces (stated as such) for identification purposes, the Mint to indicate the fine ounces of silver contained after determination thereof upon margin of the affidavit.

Copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint for their information.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Inc.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 27, 1922.

Mr. D. D. McClellan,
Special Representative,
American District Telegraph Co.,
105 Equitable Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 20 in which you state that three copies of the contract for Night Watch and Fire Alarm Service were forwarded to your New York Office, please be advised that the contract has not yet been returned to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Neill

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1922.

Hon. James A. Wetmore,
Surveyor General of Real Estate,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I submit herewith duplicate of lease entered into on March 18, 1919, for the premises now occupied by the United States Assay Office, Seattle. The lease covers the term from July 1, 1919 to June 30, 1920, with permission and authority reserved by the Government to renew the lease each year for four years.

The work of the United States Assay Office at Seattle is mechanical, the equipment consisting almost entirely of machinery, including melting furnaces and laboratory appliances used in operating upon the precious metals. On account of the nature of the work done by the United States Assay Office at Seattle, no other Government building in that city is available for the purposes of that institution. It is therefore requested that authority be granted to continue the lease of the premises now occupied by the United States Assay Office at Seattle.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 28, 1922.

Hon. F. E. Scobey,
Director of the Mint,
care Scobey Fireproof Storage Company
San Antonio, Texas.

Cottrell contract signed today All well in Bureau

H. M. O'Reilly

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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June 23, 1922.

Mr. T. Wikawa,
Acting Japanese Financial Commissioner,
Japanese Financial Commission,
Woolworth Building,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I have your letter of June 17 stating that you had forwarded to me a copy of "The Twenty-first Financial and Economic Annual of Japan for 1921." The Report has been received and it is being read with much interest by this Bureau. It will be referred to in the compilation of our statistics and be of practical service to us.

Under separate cover there is being forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, and your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming report.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reichel

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

2—5738

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
June 29, 1922.

Night

Mr. E. J. Wager,
care United States Mint,
San Francisco, California

At Mr. Smiths request authorized to stop at Denver enroute home

Letter to SanFrancisco in mails

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
2—5732
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 29, 1922.

Hon. F. E. Scobey,
care Scobey Fireproof Storage Company,
San Antonio,
Texas.

Advised funds now available Redeposited check for collection

All well in Bureau

M. M. O'Reilly

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

June 29, 1922.

The American Metal Company, Limited,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 28 you are advised that the Mint at San Francisco has recently completed an order of silver coins for the account of the French Indo-China Government.

Respectfully,

N. MacNeil

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 29, 1922.

American Railway Express Co.,
726 Market St.,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter "LSC" of the 27th instant, please be advised that the matter of producing evidence to support your claim for transportation of one box, 105 pounds, on Government bill of lading #47429, to the Multiple Unit Electric Company has been taken up with the successor of that firm, the Electric Heating Apparatus Company, and that you will be advised as soon as definite information is available concerning same.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1922.

Irvington Smelting & Refining Works,

Irvington, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith affidavits enclosed in your letter of June 28. You are authorized to forward the silver described in your letter to the United States Mint in Philadelphia, and the affidavits should be forwarded by you to the Superintendent of the Mint in that city.

Respectfully,

W. Mackie

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1922.

Mr. F. M. Colby,
Editor, New International Encyclopaedia,
c/o The University Club,
Fifth Avenue & 54th Street.

Sir:

Responding to your request of June 28 I have taken pleasure in placing your name on the mailing list for a copy of Department Circular entirled, "Value of Foreign Coins," which will be issued on July 1, 1922.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1922.

Dear Senator Edge:

In the temporary absence of the Director, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 26, enclosing a letter from Hon. R. B. Berry, Mayor of Westville, N.J., in behalf of Mr. Herman J. Roller, now employed as watchman in the Mint at Philadelphia.

Mr. Roller reached the age of 74 years on May 28. His employment in the Mint at Philadelphia was extended under the provisions of the Retirement Act for a period of two years from July 17, 1920. The Superintendent has recommended the dropping from the rolls of several watchmen who have reached or are about to reach the retirement age, and we would not feel justified in discriminating in the case of Mr. Roller in view of the fact that he already has had a two years extention of time.

The Director would be very happy to accede to this request on your account but, under the circumstances, this Bureau would appear to be without grounds for urging the Superintendent at Philadelphia to retain Mr. Roller for a further period.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Walter E. Edge,
United States Senate.

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June 30, 1922.

Hon. R. Pearson, Deputy Master,
Royal Mint, Pretoria Branch,
Pretoria, South Africa.

Sir:

Responding to your request of May 30, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you, through the International Exchange Service, copies of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years 1919, 1920, and 1921.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1922.

Director of the International Exchange Service,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is requested that you cause to be forwarded, through the International Exchange Service, copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint being transmitted to you under separate cover to the following address:

Hon. R. Pearson, Deputy Master,
Royal Mint, Pretoria Branch,
Pretoria, Union of South Africa.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 30, 1922.

Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps,
Office of the Quartermaster,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $517.48, covering cost of 6 Distinguished Pistol Shot Medals, 6 Gold Navy Expert Team Rifleman Medals and 7 Gold Marine Division Rifle Competition Medals. Receipt for the delivery of these medals is attached to the voucher. Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations:

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|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922 - - | $ 86.43 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922 - - | 431.05 |
| | $517.48 |

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inc.

June 30, 1922.

Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., amounting to $120.20, covering the cost of 12 envelope embossing dies, Nos. 3977 to 3988 for the Huckins machine. Receipt for the delivery of these dies is attached to the voucher. Please cause settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations:

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|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922 - | $90.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922 - | 30.20 |
| | $120.20 |

Respectfully,

M M Bell

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inc.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

2—5738

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 1, 1922.

American Metal Co., Ltd.,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer thirty thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 1, 1922.

Hon. F. E. Scobey
Director of the Mint,
care Scobey Fireproof Storage Co.,
San Antonio, Texas.

Fiscal year finished with everything in Bureau cleared Holding mail for instructions

M. M. O'Reilly

CIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
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July 1, 1922.

Mr. Worcester Bouck,
Assistant Secretary,
The Equitable Trust Company of New York,
37 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Responding to your request of June 28, this Bureau today instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to forward to you the master dies used in the manufacture of working dies for the French Indo-China coinage executed at the Mint in San Francisco.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, where the dies were prepared for San Francisco, is the present custodian of the master dies. They will be returned to you promptly.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1922.

A. F. Thane & Co.,
40 Rector Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 24 addressed to the Treasury Department and this day delivered to this office, you are advised that this Department has no knowledge as to the policy which will be pursued in regard to silver purchases in the future which are now being made under the terms of the Pittman act.

Respectfully,

H. M. Rose,

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 1, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted

Philadelphia

O' Reilly

Acting Director

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AL BUSINESS.
VERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE [illegible] EN:

Washington,
July 1, 1922.

Hon. F. E. Scobey,
Director of the Mint,
care Scobey Fireproof Storage Co.,
San Antonio, Texas.

Chairman settlement committee Philadelphia reports settlement completed All wastage well within limit

M. H. O'Reilly

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
2--5736
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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July 3, 1922.

Mr. Clyde S. Price,
The Toggery,
Gloucster, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 29 addressed to the Treasurer of the United States and referred to this Bureau, you are advised that the Department has not under contemplation the issue of one and three dollar gold pieces as souvenirs. Grant memorial coins were recently issued to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Grant, and the distribution of these coins is handled solely by the Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Treasury Department does not distribute the coins. It is understood they are sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

F. H. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

July 5, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones,
Editor, Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Complying with your request of May 26, you are advised that there have been purchased to July 1, 1922, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 116,197,506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 5, 1922.

Mr. F. D. Rosenberger, Cashier,
The Bank of Leipsic,
Leipsic, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 29 you are advised that there are two types of quarter dollars. The original issue carried no stars under the eagle, but an act of Congress authorized the placing of five stars on each side of the eagle and three stars below. This was done to improve the artistic merit of the coin. Both types, of course, are legal.

Respectfully,

F. A. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

2—5708

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

July 3, 1922.

Hon. F. E. Scobey, Director of the Mint,
care Scobey Fireproof Storage Company,
San Antonio, Texas.

Mail forwarded Chicago today · All well in Bureau

M. M. O'Reilly

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—5708

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

July 5, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co., Inc.
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of July 3, 1922, of 148,600 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

M McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

July 5, 1922.

Mr. Hubert D. Coleman, Chairman,
Settlement Committee,
U.S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Coleman:

Your letter of July 1 addressed to the Director has reached the office during his absence. I know that the Director will be glad to hear that the end of the settlement is approaching and that so far as can be determined it has been satisfactory.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

July 5, 1922.

Mr. Chester W. Ziegler,
c/o United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir?

Returned herewith is voucher submitted by you for reimbursement of traveling expenses incurred up to and including June 30, 1922, together with supporting papers, with request that reference be made to the travel regulations concerning laundry and pressing charges. If such charges are to be prorated each item should be divided by the number of days covered by the rendered service and the resulting uniform daily charge be made on voucher; the proration basis should be the entire number of days in the period; for example, the laundry period might begin on day travel was began and end with the day clothes were sent to the laundry, or might cover weekly or other periods. Attention is also called to error in addition of expenditures made on the 20th and 23rd instants; correct amounts should be $4.73 and $4.93, respectively.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inc.
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July 5, 1922.

Mr. Fred Certly,
The Youngstown Vindicator,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 3 relative to Lincoln memorial coins, you are advised that no coins were issued to commemorate the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial Building.

Respectfully,

M. W. Woodin

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 5, 1922.

Mr. D. P. Papy, Cashier,
Savannah Bank & Trust Co.,
Savannah, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 3 you are advised that the "goloid dollar" was an experimental piece, 425 of which were struck and distributed among the members of the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures and other members of Congress interested in the experiment. The piece was never finally adopted as a coin. I am unable to advise you of the value placed upon these pieces by numismatists.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

2—6736

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 6, 1922.

American Smelting and Refining Company
120 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Offer one million five hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver

accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
2—6736 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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July 6, 1922.

American Bureau of Metal Statistics,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd, will state that the silver coinage of Great Britain during 1920 reported to this Bureau, £ 5,490,065, computed as of actual legal weight and fineness should contain 9,961,940 fine ounces of silver, which quantity will be contained in an amended table for the year 1920 to appear in the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year just closed. The quantity carried in report for the fiscal year 1921 was hurriedly inserted in printers proof from data which had just been received and did not receive the verification which should have been given. The error is greatly regretted.

Respectfully,

M. McPherson

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1922.

Mr. W. H. Luckett,
Assistant Auditor,
Southern Railway Company,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 30th, last, file D-2 - P 2309, please be advised that your voucher in amount $10.80 has been allowed but that it was necessary to obtain a deficiency appropriation before it could be paid. The appropriation has now been made by the Congress and you will doubtless receive warrant in payment at an early date.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1922.

The Will Corporation,
845 Maple Street,
Rochester, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your statement of May 31, 1922, showing balance due of $5.08, please be advised that the deficiency appropriation has now been made by the Congress and you will doubtless receive warrant in payment at an early date.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1922.

Librarian,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd, will state that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1922 will not be available for distribution until about December 1st, next. Your name will be placed on file to receive a copy when issued.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1922.

Mr. Dallas D. L. McGrew,
The Japanese Embassy,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 5 you are advised that the medal of President Harding is now being sold at the Mint in Philadelphia. The medal in bronze is sold for $1.00.

I am also enclosing a list of the medals on sale at the Mint in Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of this day of 40,000 ounces of silver is accepted, under the terms of the Pittman Act, for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1922.

Mr. Chalres Cedarburg,
710 9th Street,
Merrill, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 23 addressed to the President, requesting a medal of President Harding, you are advised that we have no copies of this medal available for distribution. They are for sale at the Mint at Philadelphia at $1.00 each.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Neill,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1922.

United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of July 5, of 50,000 ounces of silver, is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1922.

Mr. C. W. Cousins,
Director of Census,
Pretoria, Union of South Africa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 4, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, and have placed your name on our mailing list for future reports.

This Bureau has forwarded your letter to the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce, with the suggestion that your name be placed on the mailing list of that Department.

Respectfully,

W M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

2—5738

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 7, 1922.

United Metals Selling Co.,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted

Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
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2—5738
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

July 7, 1922.

Mr. M. C. McFarland,
313 E. 1st Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La. where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1922.

Mr. M. Brighardello,
543 Linwood Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the small particles of ore forwarded in connection with your letter of June 28, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 7, 1922.

Mrs. Helen McDermott,
400 East 141st Street,
New York, N.Y.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 5, you are advised that the United States Assay Office, New York, accepts gold jewelry scrap in quantities approximating or exceeding $100 in value. The same is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce, less deductions made for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1923.

Shoemaker & Busch July 7, 1922.

511 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4297 | Sodium Borate (borax) | 5 kilos 1.34 |
| | (a) U.S.P. pulverized | 10 kilos |

Manager.

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1923.

The Boyer Chemical Laboratory Co. July 7, 1922.

940 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

10124 Furniture polish, in quart cans 5 cans .335

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1932.

Mr. Arthur W. Macmahon,
Faculty of Political Science,
Columbia University,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 14 I am submitting a list of the Directors of the Mint from the organization of the Mint to the present day:

| Directors | Date of Appointment |
|---|---|
| David Rittenhouse | April 14, 1792 |
| Henry William Desaussure | July 8, 1795 |
| Elias Boudinot | October 28, 1795 |
| Robert Patterson, LL.D. | January 17, 1806 |
| Samuel Moore, M.D. | July 15, 1824 |
| Robert Maskell Patterson, M.D. | May 26, 1835 |
| George N. Eckert, M.D. | July 1, 1851 |
| Thomas M. Pettit | April 14, 1853 |
| James Ross Snowden, LL.D. | June 3, 1853 |
| James Pollock, A.M., LL.D. | May 14, 1861 |
| Henry R. Linderman | April 1, 1873 |
| H. C. Burchard | February 27, 1879 |
| J. P. Kimball | June 27, 1885 |
| E. O. Leech | October 16, 1889 |
| R. E. Preston | November 6, 1893 |
| George E. Roberts | February 14, 1898 |
| F. A. Leach | September 19, 1907 |
| A. P. Andrews | November 1, 1909 |
| George E. Roberts | July 1, 1910 |
| R. W. Woolley | March 9, 1915 |
| F. J. J. VanEngleken | September 1, 1916 |
| Raymond T. Baker | March 19, 1917 |
| F. E. Scobey | March 20, 1922 |

Respectfully,

W. W. Woolley

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 7, 1922.

Mr. H. M. Joyce,

Tillamook, Oregon.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, where an assay will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1922.

Mr. P. C. Yester,
404 5th Avenue,
McKeesport, Pa.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the old gold forwarded by you for sale to the Government. You are advised that there is no place in Washington where such purchases are made, and I am today forwarding this material to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, with the request that that officer communicate with you directly regarding the same. In order to be acceptable to the Mints and Assay Offices, it is necessary that scrap gold approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 7, 1922.

Hon. F. E. Scobey
Director of the Mint,
Care Dr. Brown
1101 Masonic Temple,
Chicago, Ill.

Forwarding mail to Mackinac Everything going smoothly here Philadelphia Denver resuming coinage this week

M. M. O'Reilly

Cont. Ex. Mint, Bureau 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
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CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

July 8, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to letter of the Director of the Mint dated January 21, 1922, with request that you kindly inform this office as to when we may expect the reports, to conform with regulations amended December 2, 1921, therein called for, in connection with sales of silver to the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 8, 1922.

United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to letter of the Director of the Mint dated January 21, 1922, with request that you kindly inform this office as to when we may expect the reports, to conform with regulations amended December 2, 1921, therein called for, in connection with sales of silver to the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of amended reports, to December 31, 1921, covering sales of silver to the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act, per your letter L-893 of June 29th. It is noted that you do not contemplate selling to the Government any of the silver which was on hand at your institutions on January 17, 1920.

Reports for periods subsequent to December 31, 1921, are now considerably overdue. Please advise as to when we may expect same.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1922.

Bunker Hill Smelter,
Kellogg, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 30, 1922, together with the enclosures mentioned therein with the exception of abstracts of silver receipts for the period January to September, 1921, inclusive, which abstracts were not found with the other papers.

Enclosed herewith please find abstracts from your books of account which it is requested be returned to this office supported by affidavits, as required by the Pittman silver regulations. These affidavits should be made by a person having knowledge of the facts and should cite the capacity in which he represents his principal; that the statements to which the affidavits are attached are correct abstracts from the books of account; that none of the material stated to be domestic was treated by any works outside the United States but was treated by the works responsible for the affidavit; also that the statement forms a continuous record from January, 1920.

Quarterly statements similar to these abstracts should be furnished beginning with January, 1922, as soon as practicable after the close of each quarter. Please advise this office of the approximate date your report for the period ended March, 1922, may be expected.

Respectfully,

Inc.

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1922.

Mr. F. H. Chaffin,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Returned herewith is voucher submitted by you for reimbursement of traveling expenses incurred up to and including June 30th, 1922, together with supporting papers, with request that reference be made to the travel regulations concerning laundry and pressing charges. If such charges are to be prorated each item should be divided by the number of days covered by the rendered service and the resulting uniform daily charge be made on voucher; the proration basis should be the entire number of days in the period; for example, the laundry period might begin on day travel was begun and end with the day clothes were sent to the laundry, or might cover weekly or other periods.

Respectfully,

Inc.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Rand Co., Inc.

934 Woodward Building, Washington, D.C.

July 8, 1922.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1458 | (c) Rand Trace Cabinets #2761 - F.F. 14 | | | |
| | (capacity of each cabinet 444 6 x 4 cards) | 3 | ea. | $75.00 |

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 8, 1922.

Secretary, International Exchange Service,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Will you please forward through the International Exchange Service five copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint which are transmitted under separate cover, addressed to --

Gouverneur-General van Ned. Indie
Buitenzorg, Java,
Dutch East-Indies.

Respectfully,

W. M. Woodin

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 8, 1922.

Hon. J. B. Hubrecht,
Charge d'Affaires ad interim,
Legation of the Netherlands,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 7 this Bureau has taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to the Governor of the Dutch East Indies five copies of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, and has placed his name on the mailing list for copies of the 1922 Report when printed. The Reports have been forwarded through the International Exchange Service, Smithsonian Institution.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

July 8, 1922.

Mr. Bauer Bullinger,
60 Otter Street,
Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 6 you are advised that the amount of money coined at the Mints is governed by the demands made upon the banks. Congress does not fix the number of regular coins to be minted.

I am enclosing herewith table giving the coinage for 1920 and 1921.

Respectfully,

W. M. Russell

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

2--5736

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 8, 1922.

F. H. Chaffin,
Chairman, Settlement Committee
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Travel voucher needs correction Being sent to Philadelphia assuming settlement about completed

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
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July 10, 1922.

Hon. Howard Baker,
Director of Supplies,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith requisition for a visible index file, Rand Traco Cabinet, 5 sections, to hold cards 6 x 4 inches. This file is desired for use in connection with the personnel of the Mint Service. The number of employees is approximately 1000, and cards are used to check payrolls monthly. The time now consumed by the clerk employed in checking payrolls would be materially reduced if this office could be provided with the modern equipment above requested. The time of the personnel officer would also be materially economized by the substitution of this modern index file for the system now used in keeping up the records of the personnel of the Mint Service.

There is no appropriation under the control of this Bureau which is available for the purchase of this cabinet.

Respectfully,

Th M-O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1922.

General Supply Committee,
Graham Building,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please furnish this Bureau with 14 copies of the General Schedule of Supplies for the fiscal year 1923, one for each institution of the Mint Service and two for this office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

July 10, 1922.

Mrs. H. F. Prentise,
219 West 4th Street,
Sedalia, Mo.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of June 29 relative to to the sale of old gold to the Government, you are advised that the Mints and Assay Offices purchase this material only in quantities approximating or exceeding $100 in value. It would not be possible, therefore, to purchase the gold watch case to which you refer.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1922.

Asia Banking Corporation,
35 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 27, 1922 addressed to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, and which has been referred to this Bureau for attention, you are advised that 119,330,506 ounces of silver have been purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act to July 8, 1922, leaving approximately 89,670,000 ounces still to be purchased.

Your name has been placed on our list to receive a weekly report of silver purchases under the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones,
Editor, Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Complying with your request of May 26, you are advised that there have been purchased to July 8, 1922, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 119,330,506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Mallinckrodt Chemical Works July 10, 1922

3600 North Second St., St. Louis, Mo.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4297 | (a) Sodium Borate (borax) | | | | | | |
| | U.S.P. Pulverized | 2 | 5 kilos | 1.10 | 2 | 20 | |

M McRoskey

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1922.

Dr. Fritz Holm,
14 John Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 7 you are advised that the medal of President Harding may be obtained from the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., at a cost of $1.00. This medal is about 5/16 of an inch in thick-ness.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1922.

Dr. George F. Kunz,
405 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

Your letter of July 7 addressed to the Treasury Department has been referred to this Bureau. As the Treasury does not compile statistics of diamonds or precious stones, I am writing to suggest as a possible source of information the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

The report on the amount of platinum operated upon at the Assay Office, New York, during the fiscal year 1922 will not be ready for a few months, and you will, of course, receive a copy of our report as soon as it is ready.

With personal regards,

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1922.

Mr. Richard Hoeller,
4121 Cleveland Ave.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 6, 1922, you are advised that there is no branch of the Mint and Assay Service which can handle the material you describe.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1922.

Mr. H. A. Sylvester,
P.O. Box 52,
Joplin, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 4, you are advised that the medal of President Harding in bronze may be obtained at a cost of $1.00 upon application to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. Sufficient postage to cover cost of forwarding the medal should be included with your application.

Respectfully,

W. E. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1922.

Mr. W. D. Wright,
567 Broadway,
Gary, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 6 you are advised that the Government issues no publication covering the description of coins. I would suggest that you write to Mr. Adolph A. Weinman, Sculptor, New York City, the man who designed the coin your describe.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1922.

Mr. Leonard P. Morgan,
c/o U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Returned herewith are vouchers submitted by you for reimbursement of traveling expenses incurred while acting as a member of the Annual Settlement Committee at the Philadelphia Mint, from June 13th to July 1st, inclusive, with request that reference be made to travel regulations, paragraphs 14 and 23 with regard to time of departure and arrival and proportion of subsistence allowance applicable to fractions of days.

Please submit amended vouchers caring for the above items.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE R[illegible]EN:

Washington,

July 11, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
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July 11, 1922.

Mrs. K. Norton,
Rossonian Apartments, No. 53,
Houston, Texas.

Madam:

Your letter of July 5, without signature, but enclosing self-addressed envelope has been received.

The legal tender quality of the Trade Dollar was withdrawn in 1876. The dollars were retired in 1887. For six months after the passage of the Act retiring the Trade Dollars they were exchanged at the Treasury for face value. Since that time they have been received only at bullion value, which today would be approximately 77 cents.

I am unable to advise you in regard to the other coins described in your letter and would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society concerning them.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1922.

Mr. George H. Blake,
12 Highland Avenue,
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Mr. Blake:

I have to acknowledge your letter of July 8. I regret that I missed you on your last call to the Bureau.

Your recommendation of Mr. Frey for the position of Curator of the Mint at Philadelphia will be called to the attention of the Director when he returns in a few days. No action has yet been taken toward the filling of this position.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1922.

Halcomb Steel Company,

Syracuse, New York.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith letter addressed by you to the Treasury Department with the request that the same be addressed to the particular institution concerned. From the notations on the letter you will observe that effort has been made to locate the party interested.

Respectfully,

W. M. McCauley

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1922.

Mr. Walter H. Hampton,
17 Battery Place,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 10 you are advised that the Government does not issue any information covering the value of paper currency. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, New York City.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1922.

Mr. Almeron W. Wickham,
919 Grant Street,
Gloucester City, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 10 you are advised that the coinage of five-cent pieces and one-cent pieces quoted by you covers the period July 1, 1921 to June 30, 1922. The only minor coins bearing the date 1922 are the one-cent pieces made by the Denver Mint.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1922.

Rev. Frederick Holter,
St. Paul's Luthern Church,
1011 East 38th St.,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 10 you are advised that the only coins now being minted at the United States Mints are the silver dollar and the $20.00 gold piece. It is not expected that coins of any other denomination will be coined during the calendar year 1922. The $20.00 gold coins can be obtained from the Mint at San Francisco, and the silver dollars from the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

July 12, 1922.

Mr. Will Blackwell,
100 Grey Street,
Westminster, S.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 10 you are advised the sample submitted by you for assay is a variety of "Iron Pyrites", a compound of iron and sulphur, and may be of some small commercial value for the iron and sulphur contents. It contains no gold or other precious metals.

In this connection you are advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Mint at New Orleans assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W. E. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1922.

Mr. W. C. Williams,
Southern Railway Company,
Union Station,
Sheffield, Alabama.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 9 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this Bureau for attention, you are advised that the following number of half dollars were coined in the year 1853:

| Mint | Pieces |
|---|---|
| New Orleans | 1,328,000 |
| Philadelphia | 3,532,708 |

No other Mint coined silver in 1853.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1922.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning your bill #8076, in amount $ .53, for charges on transportation of 1 box shellac from Washington to the Philadelphia Mint on May 10, 1922. With return of the enclosures please make explanation of the "paid" stamp on commercial bill form which accompanies the Government voucher form. If the charges have been paid please state by whom, as well as any other information which would tend to support your claim for payment on Government voucher form.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inc.

July 12, 1922.

The Pullman Company,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find Treasury Department transportation request #T-535535, dated May 15, 1922, which supports a charge of $10.88 appearing on your bill #P-7006 for a total of $225.04. This item (the first on the above mentioned voucher) has been eliminated therefrom because it is payable by a disbursing officer in a different city than the disbursing officer who pays the balance of the bill. Please submit charge, supported by the enclosed transportation request, on separate voucher form. Your bill #P-7006 is being approved for payment in the sum of $214.16.

Respectfully,

W. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inc.

July 12, 1922.

Doctor F. H. Serface,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to advise that gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of June, 1922, were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

Unrefined domestic gold - 76,879.548 fine ounces
Unrefined domestic silver - 169,099.67 " "

Respectfully,

D. H. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

July 12, 1922.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to advise that silver receipts of the mints during the month of June, 1922, were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Unrefined domestic bullion | - | 189,099.87 | fine ounces |
| Unrefined foreign bullion | - | 77,620.18 | " " |
| Foreign silver coin | - | 72,624.18 | " " |

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1922.

Mrs. Thomas Kenworthy,
425 W. Hortter St.,
Germantown, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 2 relative to the derivation of the word "dollar", you are advised that this word is generally supposed to be derived from the German word "Thaler", and this takes its name from the silver coin struck about 1525 in the mining region of Joachimsthal in Bohemia.

I would suggest that you consult any public library for more detailed information.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1922.

United States Civil Service Commission,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

On December 7, 1921 Mr. Charles L. Bretland, Weigher, United States Assay Office, Seattle, was admitted to the examination for the position of Assayer. Will you please advise this Bureau of the result of the examination of Mr. Bretland, and also advise me if this Bureau is at liberty to inform Mr. Bretland of your report.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

2—5738

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 13, 1922.

Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company
San Francisco, California.

Offer forty eight thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted

San Francisco

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ....Coast & Mint Purposes, 1923....

2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

July 15, 1922.

Mr. Lee Eddleman,
Route 5,
Kenton, Tennessee.

Sir:

Your letter of recent date addressed to the Hon. Finis J. Garrett has been forwarded by Mr. Garrett to this office for attention.

I regret that we are unable to advise you in regard to the value of the coin you describe, as the Government does not issue any pamphlet or publication covering the value of old coins. As a source of possible information to you I would suggest that you address a letter to the American Numismatic Society, New York City, where you may find the information regarding the coin. The Government never issued one cent pieces in silver. It is probable that the piece you have is a three-cent piece.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 13, 1922.

Mr. William Stewart,
525 Avenue D,
Bethlehem, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 12 relative to procuring a pass to visit the United States Mint at Philadelphia, you are advised that the Mint is now open to visitors and no pass is required.

Respectfully,

F. H. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1922.

Mr. Oscar M. Johnson,
Island Park,
Cassoplis, Michigan.
R.F.D. #5.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 9 relative to assays of ore, you are advised to forward about five pounds of the material you describe to the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, S.D., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 13, 1922.

Dear Congressman Byrns:

Responding to your request of July 12 this Bureau has taken pleasure in forwarding to Mrs. Claire Blodau Graham copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921. Your letter has been forwarded to the Commandant of the Coast Guards who will be able to supplyMrs. Graham with information relative to the Life Saving Service.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Joseph W. Byrns,

House of Representatives.

July 13, 1922.

Dear Congressman Garrett:

Responding to your request of July 12, this Bureau has taken pleasure in addressing Mr. Eddlemon in regard to the coin described in his letter to you. A copy of the letter sent to Mr. Eddlemon is enclosed.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Finis J. Garrett,

House of Representatives.

July 13, 1922.

Remington Typewriter Company,
17th & H Sts., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Upon receipt of your letter "H" of June 16, 1922, relative to a Royal typewriter No. 5 - 264675 to be delivered to you in part payment on our order of May 4, 1922, the matter of delivery of the machine was taken up with the General Supply Committee and has been brought to their attention at different subsequent times. I now an able to advise that Royal No. 5 - 308681 has been substituted for the other machine and has today been delivered to the Storekeeper of the Treasury Department who will make delivery to you at once.

Respectfully,

D. D. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1922.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter "L-693" of the 11th instant, will state that we would like to receive your report on Pittman silver operations for the March quarter as soon as practicable. Receipt of your report for the June quarter by about September 1st will be satisfactory to this office.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 13, 1922.

Miss Helen M. Repley,
Information Office,
The Public Library of
The City of Boston.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of July 12, I am enclosing herewith copy of circular entitled "Value of Foreign Coins" for the quarter ended July 1, 1922. Your letter has been transmitted to that branch of the Treasury Department which is in charge of mailing list for the distribution of this circular with the hope that the quarterly circular may reach you promptly in the future.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1922.

Mr. W. B. Jacques,
Coordinator for Supplies,
General Supply Committee,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Jacques:

I am returning herewith the voucher covering the Underwood Typewriter, elite #5, Ser. No. 985039, which was sent to the United States Assay Office at New York. It is understood that this machine is to be returned to the General Supply Committee, a pin-point typewriter having been requested in our letter of June 20, 1922.

This office is today forwarding to the United States Assay Office at New York a specimen of the work which the pin-point typewriter, which you have on hand, will do. Upon advice from the New York Assay Office that the machine you have on hand, the pin-point check writer, will be satisfactory, you will be advised and the Superintendent instructed to return to you the typewriter represented on the voucher herewith.

Telephone advice from your office was to the effect that a discount of 20% would be allowed on the pin-point check typewriter if it is finally sent to the United States Assay Office, New York.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1922.

Dear Senator Pittman:

Honorable Raymond T. Baker, former Director of the Mint, has advised this Bureau of your letter regarding the pending Bill for the relief of Annie H. Martin, Assayer in Charge, United States Mint, Carson City, Nevada, and particularly to the inquiry of the Sub-Committee as to the proportion of loss incurred during the incumbency of Miss Martin as Assayer in Charge from the death of Mr. Ryan to the appointment of his successor.

Upon the death of Mr. Ryan, Miss Martin as Chief Clerk automatically became the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at Carson pending the appointment of Mr. Ryan's successor. Upon the appointment of Mr. Ryan's successor an inventory of the bullion on hand was taken showing that bullion to the value of $545.02 additional was needed to make up the value called for by the books.

The volume of bullion handled during the administration of Miss Martin as Acting Assayer in Charge was about one-third of that handled during Mr. Ryan's administration.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Key Pittman,
United States Senate.

July 14, 1922.

Mr. S. E. McClellan,
15 S. Jefferson St.,
Roanoke, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 10 you are advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I am accordingly returning the sample under separate cover and suggest that you forward about five pounds of the material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La. where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co., Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of July 13, of 110,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1922.

Mr. J. Bloom, Treasurer,
Mercantile Bank of the Americas, Inc.
44 Pine Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your request for coinage of $7,000 in Nicaraguan coins, addressed to the Treasury Department, Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, has been referred to this Bureau by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. The Superintendent has also enclosed a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic of Nicaragua relative to this coinage.

The coinage could be executed in the Mint at Philadelphia upon the completion of the necessary dies. The cost of the coinage would be as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 500,000 | 1-centavo cordoba pieces per M pieces | $2.20 |
| 400,000 | ½- " " " " " " | 2.20 |

The above prices include the cost of working dies only. Boxes or kegs for shipping will be extra and the metal must be supplied by the Nicaraguan Government.

To complete the above coinage, it will require 6,266.4945 lbs. avoirdupois of copper (99.90 copper content), 264.5486 avoirdupois lbs. of 99.90 Banka-Straits or electrolytic tin; 82.6714 lbs. avoirdupois of high grade zinc 99.60 zinc content.

The alloy for each denomination to be 94½ per cent copper, 4 per cent tin, and 1½ per cent zinc.

The weight to be 4 grams for the one centavo piece and 2½ grams for the half centavo piece. The tolerance to be the same as that of the U.S. coins, viz: 2 grains on each piece.

Before the Mint at Philadelphia could be authorized to undertake this coinage the request would have to reach this Department through the State Department from the duly accredited representative of the Nicaraguan Government at this Capital.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1923.

Mr. Chas. Q. Eldredge,
Riverview Cottage,
Old Mystic, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 11, you are advised that the medal of President Harding in bronze may be obtained from the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., at a cost of $1.00. Sufficient postage should be forwarded with your application to cover cost of sending the medal to you.

Respectfully,

M. J. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 14, 1922.

Mr. J. E. McClintock,
706 Hampton Avenue,
Greenville, S.C.

Sir:

Replying to your card of July 11, you are advised that the coin you describe is known as a "token" piece, and has no special numismatic value.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 14, 1922.

Mr. Joseph E. Matson,
Isanti, Minnesota.
R.F.D. #1, Box 81.

Sir:

Replying to your card of July 10, you are advised that no five-cent nickel pieces were struck with the figure of Liberty seated.

I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 which will give you the information you desire in regard to coinage by mints since 1900.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 14, 1922.

Mr. D. D. McClellan,
National District Telegraph Co.,
105 Equitable Building,
Baltimore, MD.

Sir:

I am returning herewith one copy of contract covering the installation of one night watch and fire alarm box for the United States Mint, New Orleans, the contract having been duly approved. The original of this contract is on file at this Department and the duplicate has been forwarded to the mint at New Orleans.

Respectfully,

M. W. [illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1922.

Director of Supply,
Bureau of Supply,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 13 relative to our letter of July 10 requesting that schedules be forwarded to the field institutions of the Mint Service, I regret to advise you that our letter of July 10 was in error. It was the intention of this Bureau to request two cloth bound copies of the 1923 Schedule for use in this office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 14, 1922.

Controller General,
General Accounting Office,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith for file contract entered into with the National District Telegraph Company of Louisiana for the installation of one box for night watch and fire alarm service in the mint at New Orleans, and service throughout the year, the installation to cost $20.00 and the rent for operating service to be $108.00, payable monthly.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Federal Reserve leased wire. July 15, 1922.

R. G. Emerson,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Dallas, Texas.

Experimental tests of gold coin abrasion based on standard weight Double eagles decimal nought eight six Eagles decimal nought four three Half eagles decimal nought two one five

Mary M O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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2—5788

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 15, 1922.

F. H. Chaffin,
C/. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Referring your telegrams twelfth and fourteenth, how many days needed to complete work. Would like to see you in Philadelphia last of next week.

Scobey

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—5788

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

2—5738

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 17, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

Scobey

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2120.

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July 17, 1922.

Dr. George F. Kunz,
405 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Kunz!

Upon my return to Washington my attention was called to your letter of July 12 in which you refer to the death of Mr. Comparette.

It has occurred to me that you might be of material assistance to us in securing the names of candidates from which to select a successor to the position held by the late Dr. Comparette. The position of Curator at the Philadelphia Mint is an exceedingly important one, as you know, and should be filled by a man especially qualified for the position. The collection at Philadelphia is extremely valuable and I am loath to permit it to be turned over to the custody of any one who has not the proper qualifications. We are embarrassed by the fact that the salary attached to the position is but $1800. and a bonus of $240, making a total salary of $2040. If you have any suggestion to make which will help us I need hardly assure you of the appreciation of this Bureau for any service you may render us in this respect.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1922.

Mr. L. B. Rogers,
Acting Director,
United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 11 requesting that authority be granted to utilize the service of the United States Assay Office in this city for the purpose of having assayed certain samples of dental gold purchases from time to time for use in furnishing dental treatment to claimants of your Bureau, I beg to state that the only assay laboratory conducted by the Government in Washington is that attached to this Bureau for the purpose of assaying coins. The appropriation for the support of this laboratory is very limited, and its facilities for doing work outside of that connected with the mints would not permit of the undertaking to assay such samples as you describe. If, however, you desire to have this work done it would be undertaken at the United States Mint, Philadelphia. The Superintendent of that institution would be authorized to make the assays you desire with the understanding that an account should be rendered to you for the actual cost of the work.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1922.

Mr. Hugh Edgington,
504 American Railway Express Building,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 12 you are advised that the nickel five cent pieces are composed of 75% copper and 25% nickel.

Under separate cover I am forwarding copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which indicates the amount of nickel coins executed each year. You will observe that this varies considerably according to the demand for the coin of this denomination. At the present time the Treasury has a large stock of nickel coins on hand, and it is not expected that any new coins will be made during the current calendar year.

No change can be made in the alloy of any of our coins without an act of Congress.

Respectfully,

for
F. E. Scobey
Director of the Mint.

ER.

July 17, 1922.

Mr. W. B. Jacques,
Coordinator for Supplies,
General Supply Committee,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to letter from this office dated July 13, in which it was requested that specimen of the work done by the pin-point typewriter available for the New York Office be sent to this Bureau, I now have to advise you that the Superintendent at New York reports that the machine which will do the type of work of specimen attached hereto will be satisfactory to his office, it being understood that the machine is in good condition.

As you have already been advised, an ordinary No. 5 Underwood typewriter was erroneously sent to the United States Assay Office at New York. If you will please furnish the pin-point typewriter represented by the specimen typing to the New York Assay Office, the machine now on hand in that office will be returned. It is understood that a discount of 20% is to be allowed on the pin-point typewriter to be sent.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Department,
1800 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find Miners' affidavits of the Boulder Ore Sampling Company, covering 435.76 ounces of Pittman silver. Please have these affidavits placed with the Philadelphia Mint miners' affidavits for December 1921; they being a part of a total of 1,502,602.69 ounces filed by the American Smelting and Refining Company.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1922.

Mr. Fred J. Pierce,

Winthrop, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 14 addressed to the Division of Publications, and which has been referred to this Bureau, you are advised that the Government does not issue publications pertaining essentially to coins and general numismatics outside of the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals, etc., which you already have.

As of possible interest to you, I am forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1922.

Mr. E. H. Kaniss,
Kaniss Jewelry and Optical Shop,
Henryetta, Oklahoma.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the ring forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government for the public. If you will forward the ring to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, an assay will be made. The Superintendent of the Mint will advise you of the charge of making this assay before undertaking the same should you send the ring to his for test.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1922.

Asia Banking Corporation,
55 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of June 27, you are advised that there have been purchased to July 15, 1922, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 119,648,506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones,
Editor, Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Complying with your request of May 26, you are advised that there have been purchased to July 15, 1922, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 119,648,506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1932.

Mr. J. S. Zabolio,
Box 154,
Jennings, La.

Sir:

I am returning herewith draft for $1.00 forwarded with your letter of July 12. The sample of sand referred to by you has not been received. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of the material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

With reference to letter of your Mr. Bennett of the 14th instant, replying to letter of this office of the 8th, please find herewith copy of our letter of January 27, 1922, to which reference was made in our letter of July 8th.

Particular attention is invited to last paragraph of letter of January 27, 1922.

Respectfully,

Inc.

Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1923.

Dr. H. F. Geyer,
Morris St.,
Philadelphia, Pa. Station P.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 15, you are advised that the coinage for the Philippine Islands is now being executed by the mint at Manila. No coinage has been executed for the Philippine Islands in the United States since 1920.

In order to obtain a specimen of Philippine Island coins you should address the Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1922.

Dr. George F. Kunz,
409 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

I appreciate very much your courteous letter of July 18 relative to the position of Curator at the Mint in Philadelphia.

I shall take no action looking toward the appointment of the Curator until I hear from you.

With personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. R. Grober

Director of the Mint.

OB

July 19, 1922.

Mr. Wm. A. Mueller,
85 Midland Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your series of inquiries of July 15, the following is submitted:

1. $20.67 per ounce is paid for pure gold.

2. The Coinage of gold is free. Gold bullion deposited at the Mint is melted and assayed to determine its exact value, and payment is made on the fine content of the gold. A check for the exact value of the fine gold contained in the deposit is given to the depositor, less charges for fitting the bullion for coinage purposes. The charges cover the cost to the Government of preparing the metal.

3. The charges for refining gold bullion are scaled according to the fineness of the bullion offered and the amount of work required.

4. The Government does not purchase platinum as such. If platinum is visably contained in a deposit the same is returned to the depositor. Platinum is not recovered in any one deposit but from a mass of melted deposits operated in large quantities in the electrolytic refinery. No allowance can be made for recovery of platinum content recovered from the mass melts of a great number of deposits for the reason that the identity of the deposit is lost in the mass melts.

5. The Mint at San Francisco is now coining double eagles.

I am enclosing herewith table of charges which may be of interest to you.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1922.

Mr. E. Clarke Fowler,
Editor, Philadelphia News Bureau,
Independence Square, East,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 18, you are advised as follows:

Silver Purchases

| | |
|---|---|
| April | 3,117,748 ounces |
| May | 4,122,400 " |
| June | 5,204,750 " |

Silver Dollars Coined

| | |
|---|---|
| April | 4,995,000 |
| May | 6,115,000 |
| June | 2,805,000 |

Respectfully,

F. E. Spaulding

Director of the Mint.

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July 19, 1922.

The Beyer Chemical Laboratory Co.,
940 North Clark St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith regular form of voucher which I will ask you to kindly fill out and return to this Bureau. Upon receipt of the executed form your account will be put through for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

July 19, 1922.

The Boyer Chemical Laboratory Co.,
940 North Clark St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith regular form of voucher which I will ask that you kindly fill out and return to this Bureau. Upon receipt of the executed form your account will be put through for payment.

Respectfully,

F. E. Linley

Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1922.

Chief, Consular Bureau,

State Department.

Sir:

The Consular General in London forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia $2.00 in payment of two bronze medals of President Harding, with the request that the same be forwarded to him. I have taken the liberty of enclosing the medals with the request that they be enclosed in the London pouch for the Consulate.

Respectfully,

F E Test

Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1922.

Mr. C. C. Acker,
Box 51, Eldred,
McKean County, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the sample of ore forwarded by you for assay and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 30, 1922.

Mr. Chester A. Brown,

Coopersvill, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 19, 1922.

Mallinckrodt Chemical Works,

St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith regular form of voucher which I will ask you to kindly fill out and return to this Bureau. Upon receipt of the executed form your account will be put through for payment.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1928.

Mr. Wm. Harman,
Soldiers Home,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Harman:

Your letter of recent date addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Replying to your inquiry you are advised that the six and a quarter and twelve and a half cent coins were colonial pieces circulated in this country before the United States mints were established. The United States Government has never issued coins of 6¼ or 12½ cent denomination.

If we can be of further service or interest to you please let us know.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 20, 1922.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing and Stationery,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Under date of July 14, 1922, this office made requisition for 5 books, form #855-a, Detail Record of Planchets and Coin Weighed, also for 1 book, form #855-b, Daily Record of Planchets and Coin Weighed. It is requested that requisition for 1 book, form #855-b, Daily Record of Planchets and Coin Weighed, be cancelled, but that the remainder of the requisition be filled.

Respectfully,

F. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1922.

South African Mining Journal Syndicate, Ltd.,
176-180 Stock Exchange Building,
Johannesburg, South Africa.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find two vouchers, in amounts $4.86 and $9.72, covering one-half year subscription, January 1, 1922 to June 30, 1922, and 1 ore-year renewal subscription from July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923, respectively, to the "South African Mining & Engineering Journal", with request that same be certified in places opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when they will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Inc. Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1922.

The Annalist,
Times Square,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $5.00, covering one year renewal subscription from July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923, to "The Annalist", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.
F

OR

July 21, 1922.

The Far Eastern Review,
5 Jinkee Road,
Shanghai, China.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $5.00, covering one year renewal subscription from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1922, to "The Far Eastern Review," with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.
F

July 21, 1922.

The Mining Journal,
15 George St., Mansion House,
London, E.C. 4, England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $9.75, covering one year renewal subscription from July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923, to "The Mining Journal," with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

July 21, 1922.

Capital,
1, Commercial Buildings,
Post Box No. 14,
Calcutta, India.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $18.82, covering one year renewal subscription from July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923, to "Capital", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

T

July 21, 1922.

The New York Times,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $10.00, covering one years subscription from July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923, to "The New York Times, daily only, with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

E. O. Foley

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

July 21, 1922.

William B. Dana Company,
Front, Pine & Depeyster Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find two vouchers, each in the sum of $10,00, covering two 1 year renewal subscriptions from July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923, to the "Commercial & Financial Chronicle," with request that same be certified in places opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when they will be passed for payment.

It will be noted that one copy is to be addressed to the Under Secretary of the Treasury, while the other copy is to be mailed to the Office of the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

July 21, 1922.

Engineering & Mining Journal-Press,
Tenth Avenue at 36th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $4.00, covering one year renewal subscription from July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923, to "Engineering and Mining Journal-Press, with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.
T

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July 21, 1922.

Edward Thompson Company,
Northport, Lond Island, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $3.00, covering one year renewal subscription from July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923, to Pamphlet Supplements, Federal Statutes Annotated, with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

July 21, 1922.

The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin,
32 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $15.00, covering one years renewal subscription from July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923, to "The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin," with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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July 21, 1922.

The Bankers Publishing Company,
253 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $5.00, covering one years renewal subscription from July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923, to "The Bankers Magazine", with request that same be certified in place opposite check m ark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Inc. Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1922.

Mr. Albert R. Plyler,
Box 369,
New Kensington, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 17 you are advised that the piece you describe is not a coin, the portrait of George Washington never having appeared on an authorized issue. It is probably a medallion.

I am enclosing herewith a list of the medals for sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

JR

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July 21, 1922.

Mr. J. H. Welp,

Bancroft, Iowa.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay. You are advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send these samples to the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, S.D., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 22, 1932.

United Metals Selling Company
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted

Philadelphia

Scobey

Director

Cont, Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2120.

July 22, 1922.

Mr. J. J. Underwood,
621 Colorado Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have your letter of July 20 enclosing a list of articles used by the Government in its various institutions. The supplies purchased by the Mint Service which are included in this list are purchased locally. Chemicals are supplied to the Western offices by local markets. Paper, ink and mucilage are supplied from the Printing and Stationery Division of the Treasury Department. Loose leaf supplies we are required to purchase through the Government Printing Office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

GR

July 22, 1912.

Mr. B. R. Kohn, Secretary,
The National Power Machinery Co.,
1914 Scranton Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

I have your letter of July 20 in which you refer to communication which you have had with Mr. Styer, Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia in regard to some silver you desire to dispose of.

The silver described by you is not purchasable by the Mint under the terms of the Pittman Act. The silver, to meet the provisions of this Act, must have been produced and refined in the United States, and a sworn statement must be supplied to the effect that $1.00 an ounce was paid to the miner. As it is obviously impossible for you to supply such affidavit we would not be able to take the silver under the provisions of the Act cited. No other purchases of silver, except those contained in gold deposits are now being made by the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1922.

The Controller General,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith contracts entered into for furnishing supplies to the United States Mint at San Francisco. The contracts have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury:

National Ice and Cold Storage Co.
Western Foundry
Metropolitan Laundry Co.
Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1922.

Gulf Trading Company, Inc.,
508 Board of Trade Building,
New Orleans, La.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 20 relative to foreign silver coins, you are advised that the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at New Orleans is not authorized to purchase silver coins. The Government at the present time is not purchasing foreign coins of any kind. It would not, therefore, be possible for the Mint at Philadelphia nor the Assay Office at New York to accept the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1922.

Mr. E. M. McCarthy,
2245 No. Racine Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your card of July 23 I am enclosing herewith copy of Section 171 of the Penal Code in regard to the photographing of United States coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1922.

Mr. Edgar Heininger,
U. S. Soldiers Home,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 20 you are advised that the Government has no knowledge of coin dealers, and I am unable to advise you were you can obtain specimens of all pieces you describe.

To obtain specimens of the coins authorized for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition you should address the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Commission, San Francisco, California. For the McKinley coins you should address the McKinley Memorial Association, Niles, Ohio.

Under separate cover I am forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, the last issued.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1922.

The Des Moines National Bank,

Des Moines, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 19 in reference to one cent pieces of the coinage of 1922, you are advised that it is not anticipated that any coinage of this denomination will be executed during the current calendar year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1922.

Mr. J. M. Reynolds,

South Bend, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 19, you are advised that the gold coins of the issue of 1908 without the motto, "In God We Trust" have not been called in.

The Government has no list of coin dealers, but you might obtain the information you seek by addressing the American Numismatic Society, New York City.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1923.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your offer of July 22; and confirming telephone acceptance of today, 5,000 ounces of silver are accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1922.

Director of Supplies,
Bureau of Supplies,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York desires to secure a scleroscope for use in the laboratory of the Melting & Refining Department of his institution. He understands the War Department has a number of these instruments in excess of its requirements and desires to know if the War Department would transfer to him one of the instruments for his use. He also requests to be advised of the cost and the exact mechanical condition of the instument before we enter an order. Will you please advise this Bureau in the premises.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 25, 1922.

Mr. J. N. Lawrie,
American Gold and Silver Institute,
Munsey Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 22, the following is submitted:

1. The date upon which silver could have been legally presented to the mints for sale was that upon which silver dropped to $1.00 an ounce, May 14, 1920.

2. Silver was first purchased under the Pittman Act in the Mint at San Francisco during the last days of May, 1920.

3.

| 1920 | | 1921 | | 1922 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| May | 332,088 | January | 4,677,188 | January | 2,532,000 |
| June | 6,168,505 | February | 4,615,842 | February | 3,444,740 |
| July | 8,288,856 | March | 5,912,065 | March | 5,370,960 |
| August | 3,429,877 | April | 4,334,741 | April | 8,117,748 |
| September | 3,815,733 | May | 6,838,500 | May | 4,122,400 |
| October | 4,534,660 | June | 4,442,000 | June | 5,204,750 |
| November | 3,338,870 | July | 4,670,119 | July | |
| December | 4,[illegible]0,172 | August | 4,913,614 | August | |
| | | September | 3,471,436 | September | |
| | | October | 5,917,997 | October | |
| | | November | 3,447,000 | November | |
| | | December | 5,424,025 | December | |

4. Total number of ounces purchased to date: 119,960,506

5. Total number of ounces to be purchased: 87,000,000, approximately.

6. At the present rate of silver production and presentation to the Mint for sale, it is estimated that the purchases will continue approximately two years.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co., Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of July 24 of 107,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully;

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones,
Editor, Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Complying with your request of May 26, you are advised that there have been purchased to July 22, 1922, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 131,648,506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1922.

Asia Banking Corporation,
55 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of June 27, you are advised that there have been purchased to July 22, 1922, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 121,648,506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reilly

Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1922.

Mr. Ray Weimer,
Rural Route No. 2,
Oneonta, New York.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material enclosed with your letter of July 23, which you desire assayed. I have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this substance to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W. W. Obaldy

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.S. A visual examination of this material would indicate that the same contains some pyrites, but apparently no precious metals.

July 26, 1922.

Mr. J. B. Zambolio,
Lock Box 154,
Jennings, La.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the sand forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 to determine gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W. M. Gabbett

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1922.

Mr. C. Le. Garrey,

Cogson, Iowa.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded with your letter of July 22, which you desire assayed. I have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this substance to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., where an assay will be made to determine gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. McBride

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1922.

Mr. S. M. Wood,
918 W. 10th St.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date enclosing some coins and paper money, you are advised that the five-cent piece without the word "cents" would be redeemable by the United States Treasury at its face value. Of the three large bronze one cent pieces, one would be redeemable at face value. One of the remaining two having been punctured is not redeemable, and the other has been so worn as not to be recognizable as a coin, and is therefore not redeemable. Of the two small silver pieces enclosed neither is redeemable; one appears to be a foreign coin and the other has all traces of the coin removed. The Trade Dollar has bullion value only, which at today's market price of silver would be approximately 50 cents. The Columbia Half Dollar has face value only. The Confederate note and the Continental money enclosed have value only as curios.

I regret that we cannot send a more favorably reply to your letter. I am returning all of the pieces enclosed. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 26, 1922.

Mr. Grant Fitch,

Greenup, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of recent date enclosing rubbing of the quarter dollar is received. The piece described by you is one of the current United States quarter dollars. No coin is ever issued from the Mint without date as no dies are ever made without dates. If the piece you have has no date the same has been artificially removed.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1922.

Mr. Wm. F. Fahren,
Office of the Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 25 requesting copies of specifications used by the Mint Service when inviting bids for brushes and brooms, you are advised that these purchases are made in the field by the heads of each of the Mint offices. There are no printed specifications used. Brooms and brushes are purchased from the lowest bidder, examination of samples usually being made. The Mint institutions do not enter into contract for these supplies, but buy from time to time in the open market as required. The purchases are insignificant in quantity.

Respectfully,

M. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1922.

Mr. Chris Brotherson,
P. O. Box 636,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 17, you are advised that an assay of the rock forwarded by you shows the same to contain 4.5 ounces of silver to the ton, and no gold.

While there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public, in view of the distance envolved your samples were turned over to the Bureau laboratory for examination. The United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, will make assays of ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver, and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 26, 1922.

Mr. Lou W. Egan,
Room 918 Otis Building,
10 La Salle St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 23 relative to a certain metal which, in your opinion, would make a substitute for the alloy used for our nickel coins, I am forwarding herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, 1921, which will give you the amount of nickel coinage executed.

The stock of nickel coins in the Treasury at the present time is so large that no coinage of this denomination is likely to be executed during the current calendar year. No change can be made in the alloy of coins without an act of Congress.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1932.

Chief Coordinator,
General Supply Committee,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint has requested authority from this Bureau to purchase 18 bags of Portland cement which is needed for repairs at the Mint. Three proposals have been received, each being 72½ cents per bag, which includes delivery to the mint building. The price given in the Supply Committee's list is 59 cents per bag, to which it is understood the cost of transportation and dreyage would have to be added. Will you please advise me if it is expedient to authorize the mint at Philadelphia to purchase the cement locally at 72½ cents per bag delivered.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1925.

Chief, Consular Bureau,

State Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith letter received from the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia which is self-explanatory. If it is consistent with the procedure of the Department will you be kind enough to have the enclosed Spanish War Medal forwarded in the official pouch to Mr. Gassett, who is understood to be the American Consul at Leeds, England.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1922.

Western Development Company,
45 National Bank Building,
Helena, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 22 stating that you are starting operations on the recovery of gold from the tailings of the Bald Butte Mining & Milling Company, and desire to dispose of the bullion to the United States Mint, you are advised that in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Pittman Act, it will be necessary to deliver this bullion to one of the United States Mints located at San Francisco, Denver, or Philadelphia.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of the regulations covering the purchase of silver under the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1922.

Mr. J. C. Wells,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

With reference to report of the annual settlement Committee of the Philadelphia Mint, attention is invited to the following:

U. S. Treasurer's Account
Ordinary Account

U. S. Treasurer reported a balance of - - - - $60,777.12
Bookkeepers balance - - - $57,217.65
Outstanding checks- - - - 3,559.47
- - - - $60,777.12

The Bookkeepers statement on Form #976, verified by the Cashier's initials, Cashier's Daily Statement, and Quarterly Balance Sheet, all show the Bookkeepers balance to have been $55,432.22; will you kindly explain the difference, $1,785.43, between this amount and the amount shown on Settlement Committee's report.

The Treasurer's reports of checks paid should have accompanied the Settlement Committee's report; if you have them, kindly forward.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1923.

Mrs. Edith Yates,
804 South Main St.,
Medina, N.Y.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 24 you are advised that the rubbing of the coin enclosed with your letter is that of a coin of Central America, known as a one-half Escude, gold peso. I am unable to advise you of its value as a numismatic piece. It is, of course, not legal tender in this country.

I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society of New York, from which organization you may obtain information regarding the piece which would be of interest to coin collectors.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1922.

Mr. R. Clark,

Circleville, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning herewith sample of ore forwarded by you recently for assay. You are advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. In this instance, however, your specimen was turned over to the laboratory connected with this Bureau, and the Assayer reports that your sample contains mostly silica, a little iron, and a small trace of silver.

Respectfully,

F. E. Kelly

Director of the Mint.

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July 28, 1922.

Mr. L. E. Stuart,

Price Creek, Colorado.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the sample of ore forwarded with your letter of July 18 for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

GR

July 28, 1922.

War Department,
Office of Chief of Ordnance,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the New York Assay Office, amount $465.00, covering cost of weighing, sampling and assaying platinum sponge from Old Hickory Ordnance Reserve Depot. Copy of authority for doing the work involved is also attached. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations, with advice to this office when settlement has been made:

| | |
|---|---|
| Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1923 - | $ 65.00 |
| Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York, 1923 - - - | 400.00 |
| | $465.00 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 28, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company
25 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Your offer One Hundred Thousand ~~dollars~~ ounces

silver accepted for Philadelphia under terms Pittman Act.

Scobey
Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1922.

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2—5738

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 29, 1922.

Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co.,
San Francisco, California.

Offer forty three thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Scobey

Director

MR

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Mk. Mint Bureau, 1923.
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 212d.

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July 29, 1922.

Mr. L. C. Turnock,
414 Hutchinson Ave.,
Edgewood Park, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 27 you are advised that the only two electrolytic refineries operated by the Government are those located at the United States Assay Office, New York, and the United States Mint at San Francisco, Cal.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1922.

Mr. George C. Williams,
The Des Moines National Bank,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 26 you are advised that owing to the fact that there is a large stock of circulated coin on hand in the Mints and the Treasury, no new coins will be paid out for the present. The Department has established the policy of restoring to circulation the circulated coins now on hand.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 29, 1922.

Mr. Edward B. Howell,

Butte, Montana.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 24 enclosing chart and article accompanying it. I note your suggestion that the chart might be used in the forthcoming Report of the Director of the Mint. We are unable to say that this would be practicable. However, I have read the article with much interest and appreciate your courtesy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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July 31, 1922.

Mr. Clifton S. Gardin, Sr.,
52 Winter Street,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Sir:

Your letter of July 25 addressed to the State Department has been referred to this office for attention. In reply to your inquiry the following is submitted.

The coinage mints are located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

No money has ever been coined in Washington.

All of the paper money made by the Government is manufactured in Washington.

The first gold and silver coins were made in the Mint in Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

BR.

July 31, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone communication of today, your offer of 100,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman act for delivery to the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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August 1, 1932.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of July 31, of 90,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1923.

Dear Congressman Kelly:

Referring to the sample of ore delivered to this office personally, I have taken pleasure in having the same assayed at this Bureau.

Assays of ore are not made for the public, but I have on your account had the work done in this instance. The samples were found to be limestone, and the Assayer reports the following detailed results:

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|---|---|
| Insoluble Silicious matter | 7.00 per cent. |
| Alumina and Iron Oxide | 2.70 " " |
| Calcium Carbonate | 87.30 " " |
| Magnesia present probably | 2.30 " " |

The Magnesia was not determined quantitatively but probably amounts to 2 or 3 per cent.
It contains no gold, silver nor precious metal.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

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Hon. Clyde Kelly,
House of Representatives.

August 1, 1922.

Mr. M. Szawloski,
Acting Consul General,
Of the Republic of Poland,
953 Third Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 29, enclosing a counterfeit American paper note. The note, together with the correspondence has been forwarded to the Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 1, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one million five hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

Scobey

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2198

August 1, 1922.

Director, Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

On June 30 the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Seattle forwarded to this Bureau a letter, copy of which is enclosed. The letter refers to standard weights which had been made at the Denver Mint and adjusted at the Bureau of Standards. Under date of July 5 the Assayer was instructed to forward to this office for transmission to the Bureau of Standards the weights, the accuracy of which had been questioned.

I am forwarding herewith the weights described which have just been received, and have to request that you cause the same to be tested and the report forwarded to this Bureau with the return of the weights.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1922.

Premier Bag Company,
160 South Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith the sample bags left by your Mr. Elnhorn. The bags were forwarded to the United States Mint at Philadelphia for examination as to their fitness for use as coin bags. The Mint has returned the samples to the Bureau with the statement that while the large bag could be cut down to the correct size, the expense of cutting and re-sewing would add to the cost. The Superintendent further states that while the fabric seems to be sufficiently strong there are spots in it which appear to be weak and tear easily. It would, therefore, not be safe for the Mint to subject them to the strain placed upon containers by bulks of coin.

Your letter of July 31 advising that you were forwarding several samples has also been received at this Bureau and as soon as the samples are received they will be returned.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 1, 1922.

Miss Louise Lathrop,
319 E. Ponce de Leon Ave.,
Decatur, Georgia.

Madame:

Your card of recent date addressed to the Treasury Department has been referred to this Bureau. The coin you describe is the regular issue of the quarter dollar which has been manufactured since 1917. There are several millions of these pieces in circulation. If the date is as you describe it has probably been tampered with after it left the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1922.

Miss Mildred H. Pfantz,

Monheim, Pa.

Madame:

Replying to your card of July 26 you are advised that the Mints are not purchasing flat silver ware of any kind at this time and such material is not received any any of the mints.

Respectfully,

F. E. Keisey

Director of the Mint.

OR

August 1, 1928.

Mr. E. R. Hubbell,
Box 145,
Norwich, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 31, you are advised that the Presidential medals are for sale at the United States Mint in Philadelphia for one dollar a copy. The Mint has the full set of medals from President Washington to President Harding.

Respectfully,

J. E. Risley

Director of the Mint.

O.K.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

2—8738

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

August 1, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman Silver accepted

Philadelphia

O' Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Dept. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—8738

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 2, 1922.

Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,
San Francisco, California.

Offer forty five thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

August 1, 1922.

Dear Senator Poindexter:

I have your letter of July 29 relative to obtaining new coins for the Davenport Hotel, Spokane, Washington.

The Department is adhering very closely to the policy established some time ago of refraining from paying out new coins from the Mints while we have such a large stock of circulated coins on hand. No exception has been made to this rule in dealing with banks.

No new coins are being manufactured this year other than silver dollars and twenty dollar gold pieces. It would be a pleasure for me to respond to your request, and I would do so if, in any case, we were paying out new coins.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Miles Poindexter,
United States Senate.

August 2, 1918.

Asia Banking Corporation,
55 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of June 27, you are advised that there have been purchased to July 29, 1918, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 120,105,506 ounces of silver.

We regret to advise you that our report of July 25 was in error. The report of that date should have shown 119,846,506 ounces purchased to July 22.

Respectfully,

W. A. Rawlins

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones,
Editor, Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Complying with your request of May 26, you are advised that there have been purchased to July 29, 1922, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 120,103,506 ounces of silver.

We regret to advise you that our report of July 25 was in error. The report of that date should have shown 119,048,506 ounces purchased to July 22.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1922.

Mr. William Loeb, Jr.,
Vice President,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Loeb:

Your letter of August 1 relative to charges imposed by the Mint has reached this office. Mr. Scobey, the Director of the Mint, is enroute to the United States Mint at San Francisco. He expects to be delayed on the way but will reach there in about two weeks. I have forwarded your letter to the Mint and have requested the Superintendent at San Francisco to be prepared to discuss the matter with the Director when he reaches there. I am sure Mr. Scobey will go into the matter carefully and you will hear from him as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 2, 1922.

Mrs. Earl H. Thatcher,
Box 1775,
Denver, Colorado.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 28 addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, you are advised that the Mint at Denver is open to visitors during certain working hours and the public is freely admitted. You will, therefore, not require a permit. I would further suggest that the Mint is closed on Saturday afternoons during the month of August, and it would be impossible for you to be admitted at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon in August.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 2, 1922.

Dear Congressman Aswell:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 31 enclosing a letter from Mr. F. S. Lindle, Tioga, La., calling attention to certain types of letters used in the silver dollar. Replying, I beg to state that the type of letter "J" used on the coin is that frequently employed by sculptors and artists. The same type of letter "J" appears on the quarter dollar. The irregular size of the letters on the motto "In God We Trust," was intentional on the part of the sculptor, and is not regarded by the artists who judged the model as a defect. The letter of Mr. Lindle is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. James B. Aswell,

House of Representatives.

August 2, 1922.

American Express Company,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith accomplished bill of lading covering shipment of weights from the United States Assay Office at Seattle, delivered to this Bureau on Monday, July 31. A charge slip was signed for this box and I will be obliged if you will cause the same to be destroyed and this bill of lading substituted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1922.

Dr. F. L. H. Roberts,

Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 29 you are advised that a medal of President Harding in bronze may be obtained by making application to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, at a cost of $1.00 plus postage to cover mailing charges.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1922.

Miss Nellie H. Claspitt,

Westfield, Indiana.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 29 you are advised that the coin you describe is known as a token piece and has no special value as many types of such pieces were issued during the Civil War.

Respectfully,

M. McO'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1923.

Mr. J. S. T. Waters,
601 Calvert Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 1, I am enclosing herewith copy of Department Circular No. 1, "Value of Foreign Coins," issued quarterly. This statement gives the value of the Pound Sterling at $4.8665.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1922.

Mr. R. Hoscarpenter,
Apartado 1050,
Havana, Cuba.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 5, you are advised that the United States Assay Office at New York will purchase gold in the form of jewelry scrap provided the deposit approximates or exceeds $100.00 in value. Deposits are paid for at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce, less deduction for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1922.

Bunker Hill Smelter,
Kellogg, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 26th, with enclosures evidencing silver transactions for the calendar years 1920 and 1921, also abstract of receipts for the period January to March, 1922, inclusive. Abstract from books of account showing balances, receipts, sales, etc., for the period January to March was not found. Kindly forward same at an early date and let such abstracts accompany other quarterly returns as promptly as practicable after the close of each quarter.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 2, 1922.

Mr. Moritz Wormser,
95 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 31 relative to the numismatic collection of the Government held at the Mint in Philadelphia, I beg to state that the Mint has been closed to visitors during the greater part of the year. It is now open and the collection may be inspected by all visitors, but for the reason that the Mint has been closed nearly a year I have no statistics to cover your inquiry relative to the number of visitors who have examined the collection during the year. The amount appropriated by Congress for the improvement of this collection is $1000 a year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1922.

Mr. Irving A. Chandler,
156 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 29 I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 192, the last issued, and invite your attention to pages 136-137 of the report for the information you desire.

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1922.

Navy Department,
Bureau of Supplies and Accounts,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $.25, covering one Bar for West Indian (Sampson) Medal furnished. Receipt for the delivery of this medal is attached. Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the amount in question to the appropriation, "Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922".

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1922.

Passenger Traffic Manager,
Pennsylvania Railroad Company,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Refund is requested of $6.03 represented by the unused portion of enclosed scrip book #177819, which book bears indication "not good after June 29, 1922."

Check covering refund should be made payable to "Director of the Mint," and forwarded to that official at the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Inc. Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1922.

Mr. Warren F. Kellogg,
The Grolier Society,
2 West 45th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 2 relative to the reproduction in your publication of an illustration showing a number of historical United States coins, I am enclosing herewith for your information an extract from the Penal Code of the United States, Sec. 171.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 3, 1922.

Mr. Jas. P. Kish,
2187 W. 104th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date you are advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. If you care to have the work done, I would suggest that you forward at least five pounds to the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, S.D., where a test will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1922.

Mr. Edgar Weininger,
U.S. Soldiers Home,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 28 relative to a pension. I have today forwarded your letter to the Veterans Bureau for attention.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1922.

Mr. Tom R. Pearce,

Grants Pass, Oregon.

Sir:

Your letter of July 20 addressed to Mr. Fred Scobey, Engineer, U.S. Treasury Department, was delivered at my office. I am not the person you are seeking. However, I have made an effort to locate Mr. Fred Scobey but have not been able to do so. I am, therefore, returning your letter.

Respectfully,

D. K. Lindley

August 3, 1922.

Mr. George W. Eaton,

Varilla, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 31 you are advised that there is no appropriation which the Government could use for the purpose of assisting you in developing the mine to which you refer.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1922.

General Accounting Office,

Treasury Department.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith duly approved contracts for supplying light, power, and gas to the United States Mint at Denver, and am also enclosing contract for telephone service at that institution, both contracts to cover fiscal year 1923.

Respectfully.

A. M. O'Neill

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1922.

Mr. Samuel Russell,
342 Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 1 requesting the preparation of a coin of certain weight, I beg to advise you that this Bureau is without authority to permit the Mint to coin a piece of another fineness or weight than those defined by law.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 3, 1922.

Dear Congressman Bulwinkle:

Replying to your letter of August 2 enclosing a letter from a constituent who desires to obtain a copy of the Grant Memorial gold dollar and silver half dollar, I beg to advise that the "U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio," has sole charge of the distribution of these coins. It is understood the coins are sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Mr. Royale's letter enclosed.

Hon. A. L. Bulwinkle,

House of Representatives.

August 3, 1922.

Mrs. M. H. Musser,

Lebanon, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 31 addressed to the Treasurer of the United States and referred to this Bureau, you are advised that the piece you describe is not a coin. The smallest gold coin ever issued by the United States is a $1.00 gold piece. The so-called "half dollar gold piece" was issued by private parties. Their issue was illegal and was suppressed.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1922.

Mr. H. W. Turner,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 29 I beg to advise you that this Bureau has no knowledge of "the Mint Bulletin on determining fineness of bullion with tables."

I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you in this respect.

Respectfully,

F. H. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1922.

The Mercantile Bank of the Americas,
44 Pine Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of July 28 relative to the proposed coinage for the Government of Nicaragua. A request for this coinage having been received through the State Department from the duly accredited representative of the Nicaraguan Government at this Capital, the Department has agreed to execute the same. You have been named as agent to receive and make payment for this coinage. It is understood that the material required for this coinage will be delivered to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1922.

Mr. M. B. Wild, Statistician,
Office of the President,
Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 1, I have to advise you that this Bureau compiles statistics on the production of gold in the world annually. We have never undertaken to collect monthly figures covering the production of gold. I am enclosing a copy of Treasury Department Circulation statement which is issued monthly, and I am also enclosing a table of the estimate of this Bureau covering the production of gold by States in the United States for 1921, this table having just been completed. I am also enclosing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, which contains the latest figures published by this Bureau on the production of gold in the world.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kealy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 4, 1922.

Dear Congressman Mott:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 1, stating that you were enclosing a letter from Mr. C. B. Dodge at Great Bend, N.Y. The letter of Mr. Dodge was not enclosed. As soon as it is received this Bureau will be glad to give Mr. Dodge the required information.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Luther W. Mott,

House of Representatives.

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August 4, 1922.

Mr. A. L. Carlton,
1721 Summit Street,
Toledo, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 1, you are advised that application for the memorial coins you desire should be made as follows:

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|---|---|
| Pilgrim Half Dollar | National Shawmut Bank<br>Boston, Mass. |
| Maine Half Dollar | State Treasurer,<br>State of Maine,<br>Augusta, Maine. |

Respectfully,

M McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer, by telegram, of August 4 of 300,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1922.

Mr. G. W. Sayre,

Cambridge, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date you are advised that $1.00 gold pieces and $3.00 gold pieces have not been coined since 1889 and are being held by the Treasury Department. Gold pieces of the $2.50 denomination were last coined in 1915, and these coins are not being paid out by this Department.

Respectfully,

M. M. Conley

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 5, 1922.

Treasurer,
Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada,
Montreal, Canada.

Sir:

Your letter of August 3rd, to Secretary Mellon, has been referred to this office for consideration. In reply you are advised that in June 1921, information came to this office to the effect that Argentine paper currency, which is legally convertible into gold at 44% of the face value of the paper, was then inconvertible. Normally a person taking 100 paper Argentine pesos to the conversion office would receive in exchange 44 gold pesos. Presumably a bond payable in Argentine gold would not be affected by the question of convertability of paper pesos into gold.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1922.

Mr. Herbert Wilson Smith,
Chief, Mineral Tariffs Division,
The American Mining Congress,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of August 5 addressed to the Chief Clerk, Treasury Department, relative to silver contained in the coinage of the principal countries of the world, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I am forwarding herewith copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, which contains on page 274 a table showing the monetary standards, monetary units, and the United States equivalent of the principal countries of the world at the end of the calendar year 1919. The Report of the Director of the Mint also contains detailed information from the principal countries of the world relative to the monetary stocks and laws pertaining thereto.

I am also forwarding copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World." No recent publication of this pamphlet has been compiled.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I wish to advise you that beginning September 1, 1922 this Bureau will accept any offers of silver you may make for delivery to the United States Mint at Denver. We will probably continue to purchase for delivery to that institution until the close of the calendar year.

Respectfully,

W. M. Woodin

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1922.

United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I wish to advise you that beginning September 1, 1922, this Bureau will accept any offers of silver you may make for delivery to the United States Mint at Denver. We will probably continue to purchase for delivery to that institution until the close of the calendar year.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I wish to advise you that beginning September 1, 1922, this Bureau will accept any offers of silver you may make for delivery to the United States Mint at Denver. We will probably continue to purchase for delivery to that institution until the close of the calendar year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 7, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones,
Editor, Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Complying with your request of May 26, you are advised that there have been purchased to August 5, 1922, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 122,246,506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

M McRell

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1922.

Asia Banking Corporation,
35 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of June 27, you are advised that there have been purchased to August 5, 1922, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 122,246,506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

N. Mo'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1922.

Mr. W. G. Craddock,

Wentworth, N.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 4 addressed to "United States Assay Office, Washington, D.C.", which has been delivered to this Bureau by the post office, you are advised that there is no United States Assay Office in Washington, and I am unable to advise you where you can obtain an analysis of the oil you describe. I would suggest that you address the United States Geological Survey, Washington, D.C. That Service may be able to advise you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1922.

Mr. A. H. Bachman,
229 U.S. Custom House Building,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 4 you are advised that the bill proposing the issue of a memorial coin for Rutherford B. Hayes has not passed the Congress. It is understood that the bill is now before the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures.

Respectfully,

M McRellis

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1922.

Dear Senator Oddie:

Replying to your letter of August 4 requesting information relative to the status of the coinage of silver dollars under the Pittman Act, I beg to submit the following:

1. 122,000,000 ounces of silver have been purchased to date under the terms of the Pittman Act.

2. 87,000,000 ounces of silver remain to be purchased under this Act.

3. It is estimated that approximately two years will be required to complete the purchase of the amount of silver called for under the provisions of the Act of April 23, 1918.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Tasker L. Oddie,

United States Senate.

August 8, 1922.

Dear Senator Frelinghuysen:

Your letter of August 4 addressed to the Director of the Mint in behalf of Mr. Herman W. Roller, an employee of the United States Mint in Philadelphia, has reached Mr. Scobey's desk in his absence.

Under the provisions of the Act of May 22, 1920 Mr. Roller's employment in the Mint was extended from August 21, 1920 for a period of two years. Mr. Roller will reach the age of 74 years this month.

The Director has recently inaugurated the policy of employing so far as possible only vigorous, active men as guards and watchmen in the Mint. For this reason it is possible that he will hesitate to urge the Superintendent to retain Mr. Roller.

Mr. Scobey is now on his way to his Western offices and will return to the city some time in September when his attention will be called to your letter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Joseph S. Frelinghuysen,
United States Senate.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night Message

August 9, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,
San Francisco,
California.

Offer forty five thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123

August 9, 1922.

Mr. Hamilton M. Brush,
Manager, Sales Department,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 8th relative to the point of delivery of silver for the Mint Service.

The Mint at Philadelphia has a stock of silver on hand sufficient to meet the capacity of the plant for several months. We are coining silver dollars at Denver and, as we have accepted no offers for delivery at that point for some time, the stock there is low. We would like to begin to deliver silver to the Denver Mint early in September, and we, therefore, sent out notice to that effect in advance. We will continue to accept offers for Philadelphia delivery until the close of this month.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 9, 1922.

The Chief Clerk,
Office of the Solicitor for the Treasury,
Department of Justice.

Attention CSJ: 13800.

Sir.

Your letter of August 8, returning without approval contracts for furnishing supplies to the Assay Office at New York for completion as to period for which service or supplies are to be provided, has been received. The contracts are being returned for approval, the period having been indicated in each case.

Respectfully,

W. M. Peirce

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:

Contracts-
Columbia Smelting Refining Works.
Conley Foil Co.
E.B.Newman Charcoal Co.
Geo. Bruno Co.
Ice Service Co.
Leon Hirsh & Son
New York Linen Supply & Laundry Co.
Standard Oil Co.

August 9, 1922.

Mr. E. R. Hubbell,
Box 145,
Norwich, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your money order enclosed with your letter of August 8. The Presidential medals are not for sale in Washington. They are sold by the Mint at Philadelphia and your order should be forwarded to the "Superintendent United States Mint, Philadelphia." I would suggest that the cost of mailing the medal to you be included in the money order.

I am enclosing herewith a medal list showing the medals for sale in the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 9, 1923.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street, New York.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone communication of today your offer of 100,000 ounces of silver is accepted for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 9, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I wish to advise you that beginning September 1, 1922, this Bureau will accept any offers of silver you may make for delivery to the United States Mint at Denver. We will probably continue to purchase for delivery to that institution until the close of the calendar year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 9, 1922.

United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of August 8, of 106,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 9, 1922.

Office, Third Ass't. Postmaster General.
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find two bills of the Philadelphia Mint, one for 6 1¢ stamped envelope dies furnished, amount $60.10, to be credited to the following appropriations;

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|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $51.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 9.10 |
| | $60.10 |

the other for 12 2¢ and 6 1¢ stamped envelope dies furnished, amount $180.30, to be credited as follows;

| | |
|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $153.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 27.30 |
| | $180.30 |

Receipts for the delivery of these dies are attached to the vouchers. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amounts in question to the appropriations as indicated.

Respectfully,

M. McPhail

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 9, 1922.

American Bureau of Metal Statistics,
115 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of August 2, I beg to advise that this office is not aware of any compilation showing the silver held in reserve by the various countries of the world, other than the table showing the world monetary stocks published in the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

The Annual Report of the Director of the Mint also contains in some instances information as to the source of silver used in the manufacture of coin. This information is not compiled, but is scattered here and there with other detailed information concerning monetary matters of various countries. Presumably considerable coin was manufactured in 1920, by various countries, from bullion obtained in other countries where silver coin was demonetized and sold because of greater bullion value than face value. It is also probable that considerable coin was manufactured from bullion obtained by the melting of United States silver dollars, sold in prior years.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 10, 1922.

Registered

Lochart State Bank,

Lochart, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknc ledge receipt of your letter of July 31 relative to a bar of silver you were forwarding for one of your patrons. The silver was delivered to this office by the express company and is being returned by registered mail. There is no place in Washington where deposits of silver are received by the Government. The only silver now being purchased by the Mints is that offered under the provisions of the Pittman Act which provides that the same shall be covered by affidavits showing the silver to be of United States origin, to have been refined in the United States, and also that the miner has been paid $1.00 an ounce for the same.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 10, 1922.

General Accounting Office,

Treasury Department.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith contracts from the following named firms for furnishing supplies to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, the same having been duly approved:

The O. F. Zurn Company
American Ice Company
Pilgrim Laundry Company
Crew Levick Company
Sheeler-Hemsher Company
Daniel J. Grugan

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 10, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones, Editor,
The Financial Review,
50 Broad Street, Room 401,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have your letter of August 8 relative to silver purchased under the provisions of the Pittman Act. It is noted on January 6, 1921 this office advised you that purchases in 1920 were 29,908,000 ounces. Round figures were given you at that time for the reason that we were not sure of the exact figures from all of the field service at that date.

I am enclosing herewith monthly table showing purchases from May, 1920 up to and including July, 1922. The figures given you at the close of each week, and to be given you as well monthly, are the totals of purchases of silver made in this Bureau. From time to time small purchases made in the field are added to the Bureau purchases.

This Bureau will endeavor to supply you with accurate figures in every instance, but I would suggest that constantly purchases are being made of silver contained in gold deposits. Since these returns are not made to this Bureau daily any figures sent out as monthly purchases are approximate.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 10, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this day withdrawing the acceptance of 1,000,000 ounces of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the Mint at Denver and accepting the same for delivery to the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 10, 1922.

Hon. William S. Vare
Member of Congress
Philadelphia, Pa.

John Horan first assistant engineer will not retire until August twentieth Superintendent has made no recommendation regarding his successor Have advised him of your telegram

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of Mint

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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August 11, 1922.

Office, Commissioner of Internal Revenue,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $293.55, covering cost of 500 bronze badges furnished. Receipt for the delivery of these badges is attached to the voucher. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

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|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922 | $273.82 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922 | 19.73 |
| | $293.55 |

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint

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August 11, 1922.

Mr. Ernest McCullough,
420 Eastern Parkway,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 9th you are advised that gold and silver coins of the United States are 900/1000 fine. By "fine gold" or "fine silver" is meant metal 1000/1000 fine.

Under separate cover there is being mailed to you a copy of a pamphlet which gives information relative to the coinage of the principal countries of the world.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 11, 1922.

Dear Doctor Kunz:

Your letter of August 10, addressed to the Director of the Mint has reached his desk in his absence. Mr. Scobey is not likely to be back in Washington until late in September. As soon as he returns I shall call his attention to your recommendation of Mr. Belden for the position of Curator of the Philadelphia Mint. I know Mr. Scobey will very deeply appreciate your interest and assistance.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. Reddy,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Doctor George F. Kunz,
Four Hundred and Five Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

August 11, 1922.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue,
Treasury Department.

Sir;

I am enclosing herewith application of the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver for permit to procure Alcohol for use in the laboratory of the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

NIGHT MESSAGE

August 12, 1922.

Bunker Hill Sullivan Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Offer forty-eight thousand ounces silver accepted under terms Pittman Act delivery San Francisco Mint.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cent. Ex. Mint Bureau 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR ----------

2—6627 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTE

Washington,

August 14, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company
25 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Your offer three hundred thousand ounces silver accepted for delivery Philadelphia under terms Pittman Act.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
2—6827 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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August 14, 1922.

Miss Blanche Buckingham,
Dakota City, Iowa.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of August 7 you are advised that the total number of Buffalo nickels coined during the calendar year 1913 amounted to 73,659,239 pieces with a value of $3,682,961.95. No five cent piece other than the Buffalo type was made during that year.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 14, 1922.

Dear Congressman Mott:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 7, 1922, enclosing a letter from Mr. C. B. Dodge of Great Bend, N.Y. Replying to Mr. Dodge's inquiries I beg to submit the following:

The "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa." is the only publication issued by the Government bearing on the different types of United States coins. This book is distributed by the Superintendent, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. at a cost of $1.00 a copy. I regret that we have nd copies available for gratuitous distribution.

The following commemorative coins may be obtained by addressing applications as follows:

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|---|---|
| Maine half dollar | State Treasurer, Augusta, Maine. |
| Pilgrim half dollar | National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass. |
| Grant half dollar | U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. |
| Alabama half dollar | First National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama. |

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Luther Mott,
House of Representatives.

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August 15, 1922.

Mr. C. W. Handy.
Secretary, Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Handy:

I beg to acknovledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant relative to silver purchases.

The stock of silver now on hand at the Mint in Philadelphia is sufficient to meet the needs of that institution for the balance of the calendar year.

The Mint at Denver is coining silver dollars exclusively and the stock of fine silver at that point is diminishing in consequence. We have, therefore, decided to accept offers made from about the 1st week in September for delivery to the Denver Mint. We will not need to buy for San Francisco for some time to come for the reason that the Mint at San Francisco is dividing its coinage capacity between gold and silver and the stock of silver there will last for some time.

The total purchases of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act amount to 125,797,506 fine ounces. This does not include small purchases made at the mints of silver in gold deposits.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE MINT.

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August 15, 19.

United States Smelting Refining
and Mining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of August 14 to supply 72,000 ounces of silver is accepted, the silver to be delivered to the United States Mint at Philadelphia under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 15, 1922.

Hon. Homer P. Snyder,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Snyder:

Responding to your request of the 14th instant this Bureau has taken pleasure in forwarding to Mr. W. H. DeShon, Main Street, New York, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, and have placed his name on the list for a copy of the forthcoming Report.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1922.

Office, Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $180.30, covering 6 1¢ and 12 2¢ stamped envelope dies furnished. Receipts for the delivery of these dies are attached to the voucher. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

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|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $153.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 27.30 |
| | $180.30 |

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1922.

Headquarters, U. S. Coast Guard,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find two vouchers of the Philadelphia Mint, one for 5 dies for Coast Guard Medal furnished, amount $150.00, to be credited to the following appropriations;

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|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $127.50 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 22.50 |
| | $150.00 |

the other for 25 Good Conduct Medals furnished, amount $16.25, to be credited as follows;

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|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $12.19 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 4.06 |
| | $16.25 |

Receipts for the delivery of the above are attached to the vouchers. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amounts in question to the appropriations as indicated.

Respectfully,

W. M. Peirce

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 14, 1922.

Mr. E. R. Bennett,
1307 St. Ann Street,
Owensboro, Kentucky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date relative to assay work done by the Government, you are advised that about five pounds of the material you desire assayed should be forwarded to the U.S.Assay Office, Deadwood, S.D., [illegible], where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. There is no place in Washington where this work is done.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1922.

The Annalist,
Times Building,
Times Square, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

In July last this Bureau renewed its subscription to The Annalist, since which time we are receiving two copies of the publication. Will you kindly have your records amended to eliminate forwarding the extra copy.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F. Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1922.

Mr. Eliot Sherill,

Pilot Knob, Missouri.

Sir:

Your letter of July 20 was referred to this office from the State Department. Your letter, making inquiry relative to the sample of gold ore and $2.00 said to have been sent to the Carson Mint was forwarded to the officer in charge of that institution who states that a careful investigation both at the mint and at the office of the registry clerk in the post office indicates that no package of the kind had been received from Pilot Know, Mo., or from you. I would suggest that if you have the registry receipt for the package you take the matter up with your local post office and ask them to trace the package for you.

Respectfully,

M McCarthy

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1922.

Mr. Hubert M. Evans,

Woodstock, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 10 you are advised that the nearest assay office to Woodstock, Ill. is the United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana. I would suggest that about five pounds of the material you desire assayed be forwarded to the above institution where a test will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1922.

Mr. W. F. Verner,
The Citizens National Bank,
Ennis, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 7 I regret that I am unable to advise you regarding the gold or gold bullion you refer to.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 17, 1922.

The Beckley National Bank,

Beckley, West Virginia.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the twenty five cent piece enclosed with your letter of August 14.

There are two types of quarter dollars in circulation; one following the design of the enclosed coin, with the stars arranged on either side of the eagle, and the other with the stars equally divided on each side and three stars below the eagle. The latter design, authorized by act of Congress, was adopted for the purpose of increasing the artistic merit of the piece. Both types, of course, are legal.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1922.

Mr. A. W. Motz,
1425 Montier St.,
Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of August 13 addressed to the Treasurer of the United States has been referred to this Bureau for action. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been authorized to supply you with one $20.00 gold piece on application. The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco will also be authorized to forward to you a $20.00 gold piece upon receipt of the face value of the coin plus the mailing charges.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 16, 1922.

Dear Congressman Vare:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 15 in behalf of Mr. William Dougherty an employee of the United States Mint at Philadelphia. The Superintendend of the Philadelphia Mint was advised of your interest in the filling of the position of First Assistant Engineer upon the retirement of John Horan on August 20, and his recommendation for the filling of the vacancy then created will be received in this office within the next few days when I will take pleasure in advising you of the action taken.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Wm. S. Vare,
House of Representatives.

August 16, 1922.

Joseph Dixon Curcible Company,

Jersey City, N.J.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your vouchar for crucibles sent to the United States Mint at Philadelphia. Please permit me to call your attention to the fact that it is the practice of your office to forward these accounts to this Bureau when they should be forwarded to the institution making the purchase. Their delivery here only delays the settlement of your account.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1922.

Mr. J. V. Bloom, Treasurer,
Mercantile Bank of the Americas,
44 Pine Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of August 15 relative to Nicaraguan coinage to be executed at the Mint in Philadelphia has been received and forwarded to the Superintendent of that institution for his information and proper action. The Superintendent has already been authorized to proceed with the coinage.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1922.

Interstate Smelting and Refining Company,
19 Commercial Street,
Newark, N.J.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of August 15 advising this Bureau that you use platinum has been noted and your name has been placed on the list to be notified in case the Government offers platinum for sale.

Respectfully,

M McLaughlin

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1922.

The Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This letter will confirm telephone acceptance of your offer of 75,000 ounces of fine silver for delivery to the United States Mint at Philadelphia under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1922.

Mrs. Pearl C. Hughes,
223 South First Street,
Blackwell, Oklahoma.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 7 relative to ore sent some time ago to the Boise Assay Office, I am unable to advise you from the information contained in your letter in regard to the deposit about which you inquire.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 16, 1922.

Zimmerman & Forshay,
170 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 7 enclosing a letter addressed to the Director of the Mint by Mr. Victor Nivois, who claims to have perfected a process for hardening platinum.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of letter addressed to Mr. Nivois suggesting that he confer with the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York.

This office has left to the discretion of the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office the matter of investigating Mr. Nivois' process.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1922.

Mr. Victor Nivois,
37 Maiden Lane,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Messrs. Zimmerman & Forshay have forwarded to this Bureau, with a letter commending you to the attention of this Bureau, your letter of August 7 addressed to the Director of the Mint relative to a process for hardening pure platinum.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, and that officer advised that this Bureau leaves to his discretion the matter of investigating the process. The handling of platinum for the Mint Service is under the jurisdiction of the Superintndent at New York and that officer is considered well qualified to pass upon any proposition on the subject of the treatment of the platinum metals. On account of the interest of the firm of Zimmermann & Forshay I am sure the New York Assay Office will extend to you every appropriate courtesy.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1922.

Mr. George A. Brockington,
Assistant Secretary
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Brockington:-

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of August 11th relative to future sales of Pittman silver. It is understood that we are to receive from you tenders of silver for shipment to the Philadelphia Mint covering the amount you will have available at Perth Amboy or at Baltimore before September 1st, in excess of the amount already accepted from you for delivery to Philadelphia. It is further understood that upon completion of shipments of acceptances for Philadelphia early in September all further tenders for delivery from your eastern refineries will be accepted for shipment to the Mint at Denver, and that this arrangement will continue for the balance of the calendar year.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 17, 1922.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I beg to advise that silver receipts of the mints during the month of July, 1922, were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

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|---|---|---|
| Unrefined domestic bullion | 321,581.29 | fine ounces |
| Unrefined foreign bullion | 135,950.36 | " " |
| Foreign silver coin | 59,383.74 | " " |

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 17, 1922.

Mr. Charles Bentheim,
U.S.V. Hospital #26,
Greenville, S.C.

Dear Mr. Bentheim:

Replying to your letter of August 12, I am today forwarding under separate cover the blue print which the Architect's office has courteously furnished.

Very truly yours,

W McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 16, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones, Editor,
The Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Complying with your request of May 26, you are advised that there have been purchased to August 12, 1922, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 123,497,506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1922.

Asia Banking Corporation,
55 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of June 27, 1922, you are advised that there have been purchased to August 12, 1922, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 123,497,506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 17, 1922.

Southwest Metals Company,

Humboldt, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of August 2, you are advised that it will require approximately 209,000,000 ounces of silver to recoin the silver dollars melted under the terms of the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918. Of this amount approximately 123,000,000 ounces have been purchased. The silver is being purchased at the rate of about 5,000,000 ounces per month.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Act of April 23, 1918, together with the regulations governing the sale of silver to the Government under its terms.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 17, 1922.

General Accounting Office,

Treasury Department.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith original contracts entered into by the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York with the firms listed below for supplies to be furnished his institution during the current fiscal year:

Jno. C. Viarda & Co.
J. T. Baker Chemical Co.
Grasselli Chemical Co.
Columbia Smelting & Refining Works
The Conley Foil Co.
E. B. Newman Charcoal Co.
Geo. Bruno Co.
Ice Service Co.
Leon Hirsch & Son
New York Linen Supply & Laundry Co.
Standard Oil Company of New York.

Respectfully.

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 17, 1922.

Mr. F. Y. Robertson, Vice-President,
United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of August 16 relative to purchases of silver in the immediate future. It is not the intention of this Bureau to purchase silver for Philadelphia in addition to accepting offers for delivery to Denver. Acceptances from about the first of September will be for Denver delivery exclusively.

Respectfully,

D M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 17, 1922.

General Accounting Office,

Treasury Department.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith contract entered into by the Superintendent of the Denver Mint with Richard Kell for the removal of ashes and debris during the current fiscal year, the same having been duly approved by the Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 17, 1922.

Doctor F. H. Surface,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to advise that gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of July, 1922, were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

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| Unrefined domestic gold | 92,398.322 | fine ounces |
| Unrefined domestic silver | 321,581.29 | " " |

Respectfully,

F. Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 18, 1922.

Mr. E. C. Jones,
1662 Grand Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 15 you are advised that the United States Government was authorized by Congress to coin a $50 gold piece for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in 1915. The following is a brief description of the coin:

Obverse: Minerva, the goddess of wisdom, skill, contemplation, spinning, weaving and of agriculture and horticulture.

Reverse: Owl, sacred to Minerva, the accepted symbol of wisdom, perched upon a branch of western pine. Dolphins, suggesting, as the encircle the central field, the uninterrupted water route made possible by the Panama Canal, occupy the angles of the octagonal coin.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 18, 1922.

Mr. Gregory D. McLan,
Newton, Sullivan Cunty,
Box 81, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to yur letter of November 8 I beg to advise you that this Bureau is not clear as to the period to which you refer as the tme silver was demonetised by this Government. It may be that you are interested in the sale of silver during the war. In 1918 an act was passed authorizing the Treasury to melt abut 350,000,000 standard silver dollars and sell the silver resulting to friendly countries for war purposes. Approximtely 270,000,000 dollars of the 350,000,000 authorized were melted and the silver sold to the British Government for export to India. At the time of the passage of this act, April 23, 1918, there were over 400,000,000 standard silver dollars in the Treasury. The Treasury Department is constantly purchasing silver to manufacture silver coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of Augst 17, of 1,000,000 ounces of silver is accepted, under theterms of the Pittman Act, for delivery to the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

W. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 18, 1922.

Mr. Edgar Weininger,
U. S. Soldiers Home,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your liter of August 16 I am enclosing a pamphlet giving information relative to coins and medals. Assay Commission medalsare issued only to the members of the Annual Assay Commision and are not for sale at the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 19, 1922.

Bankers Encyclopedia,
524 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of August 14 addressed to the Treasury Department has been referred to this Bureau.

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith Department Circular No. 1, "Value of Foreign Coins" of the issue of July 1, 1922.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 19, 1922.

Mr. Robert Tripps,
Route 2, Box 12,
Elizabethtown, Tenn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date you are advised that the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, will make an assay of the ore you have at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for the other metals determined in the sample. About five pounds of the material should be forwarded for assay.

Respectfully,

M. Thos. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 18, 1922.

Mr. H. J. Fries,
299 Riverdale Ave.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your card of August 17 you are advised that the piece described by you is not a coin of the United States, but a small medalet struck by private parties during the Civil War in resemblance of a cent piece and passed as such.

In December, 1860, Howell Cobb of Georgia, who was Secretary of the Treasury, resigned his post and John A. Dix was appointed in his place. At that time New Orleans was virtually in possession of the secession party. There were two revenue cutters there and Secretary Dix ordered them to New York. The Caption of one of the revenue cutters, named McClelland, refused to obey the order when Secretary Dix telegraphed to an agent of the Department to "tell Lieutenant Caldwell to arrest the Captain and treat him as a mutineer in case he should offer any resistence, adding "If any one attempts to haul down the American flag shoot him on the spot".

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 18, 1922.

Mr. Philip S. Rush,
1228 Ft. Stockton Drive,
San Diego, California.

Sir:

I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, the last issued.

Replying to your inquiry as to the principal mining companies from which the mint purchases the bulk of the copper, nickel, gold and silver used in the coinage, you are advised as follows:

The copper used for the minor coinage and for alloy purposes is purchased in the open market on competitive bids from time to time from copper dealers. Nickel is also purchased in the open market on competitive bids at the time it is required for coinage purposes. Gold is purchased from any one who offers it to one of the mints. There are eleven institutions scattered throughout the country where gold in form of bullion is received by the Government.

At the present time silver is being purchased under the provisions of the Pittman Act which requires that all such purchases shall be made up of silver produced and reduced in the United States. The principal companies offering silver are:

American Smelting & Refining Co.
United Metals Selling Co.
Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co.
United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.
Nichols Copper Company.

Respectfully,

R M O Bickley

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

2—5738

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 21, 1922.

American Smelting and Refining Company
120 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Offer one million ounces Pittman Silver accepted Denver

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 22, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company

San Francisco, California.

Offer forty thousand ounces Nttman silver accepted San Francisco

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 3128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 22, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co., Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of August 21, of 100,000 ounces of silver, is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1922.

General Supply Committee,
14 & B Sts., S.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find your voucher in the sum of $25.00 against the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1922," with the request that with the return of the voucher information be given as to the appropriation or miscellaneous receipt heading entitled to receive credit when transfer is made.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F. Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1922.

Bunker Hill Smelter,
Kellogg, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Examination of the records of this office shows that in July, 1920 there was received at the San Francisco Mint approximately 98,500 ounces of silver from the Anglo-London-Paris National Bank, said silver being supported by miner's affidavits furnished by the Bunker Hill Smelter. Apparently this lot of silver is not included in your returns covering the calendar years 1920-21, forwarded July 26, 1922. Will you please let me have further information as to the handling of this transaction and whether the silver in question had been a part of that reported to have been on hand January 1, 1920 or received subsequent to that date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 22, 1922.

River Smelting & Refining Company,
Florence, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of August 16 will state that the silver mentioned in your letter will be received by the United States Mint Service under the terms of the Pittman Act when supported by affidavit substantially as follows:

"The undersigned being duly sworn deposes and says that he is _____
(Title)
of the River Smelting & Refining Company of Florence, Colorado; that said company smelts ores from the states of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona only; that from the clean-up and reclamation from old furnace bottoms covering operations of the plant for the period _____ to _____ there have been recovered _____ fine ounces of silver contained in iron-copper matte; that said silver has been treated in no reduction works outside of the United States; that said silver has been sold to the American Smelting and Refining Company; that the price paid for said silver after the Pittman Act became effective was the Pittman Act price and for the silver purchased theretofore the market price."

A copy of this letter should accompany affidavits supporting each lot of silver sold.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

F. Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1922.

Mr. W. A. James,
Globe Underwriters Agency,
111 William Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of August 16 addressed to the Director of the Mint reached this office in his absence. The statement that $400,000 in gold are being coined in the Mint at San Francisco is correct. The coins are being executed in double eagles.

Respectfully,

M. McReelis

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1922.

Mr. J. A. Hornaday, Jr.,
The Bank of Beaufort,
Beaufort, North Carolina.

Sir:

Your letter of August 19 addressed to the Treasury Department has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Gold scrap is purchased by the United States Assay Office, New York, provided the deposit is in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Gold deposits are paid for at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce after a deduction has been made for preparing the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1922.

Mr. Clinton B. Dodge,

Great Bend, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of August 18 enclosing $1.00 has been received at this office. This should have been forwarded to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, and I have today forwarded the money to that official.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1922.

Mr. J. L. Montgomery,
Hotel Crookston,
Crookston, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 16 you are advised that the bill authorizing the coinage of a Rutherford B. Hayes centennial coin has not yet been passed.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1922.

General Accounting Office,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am returning herewith contracts entered into for supplies for the Philadelphia Mint, the same being accompanied by proposals in accordance with your request.

Respectfully,

M. McReely

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1922.

Mr. W. H. DeShon,
C/. THE OBSERVER-DISPATCH,
Utica, New York.

Sir:

I have your letter of August 21 supplying your correct address which has been noted upon our mailing list for future Reports.

The address given to this Bureau -"Main Street, New York" being obviously incorrect and inadequate, attention was called to it, and it was understood that Mr. Snyder's office was to supply the proper address. Evidently this was overlooked.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

2—5738

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 23, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer two hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 213a.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 23, 1922.

The First National Bank,

Clover, South Carolina.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of August 21 enclosing a 25-cent piece has been received at this Bureau and has been forwarded to the redemption division, Treasurer's office, for appropriate action.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1922.

Mrs. Edna J. Brendell,
504 South Pittsburgh St.,
Connellsville, Pa.

Madam:

Your letter of August 21 has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The piece described by you is one of a number of such pieces issued during the period of the Civil War. The pieces are known as tokens and are not coins.

Respectfully,

W. M. Ridder

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 25, 1922.

Mr. Reaville W. Morton,
P. O. Box 115,
Cuney, Texas.

Sir:

I have your letter of August 17 relative to the coinage. I am, however, unable to say that your suggestion could be utilized. Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am,

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone communication of today, your offer of 150,000 ounces of silver is accepted for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1922.

Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of August 22, referring to letter of May 10, 1921 relative to the use of copper nickel alloy which your Bureau desires to dispose of, and referring to the suggestion of this Bureau that the alloy might be used for coinage purposes.

The Mints are not in position at this time to purchase this metal. No coinage of nickel or bronze pieces is to be executed during the balance of the calendar year, and on account of the large stock of coins of this denomination on hand in the Mints and in the Treasury it is not likely that the manufacture of minor coinage for which this metal could be used will be undertaken for at least a year or two. It would, therefore, not be expedient for the Mint to purchase and hold this material.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 23, 1922.

Mr. O. M. Jeffords, Asst. Cashier,
The Seaboard National Bank,
Broad and Beaver Streets,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of August 22 requesting to be supplied with a half dollar, quarter dollar, dime, nickel and one cent piece of the coinage of 1922, you are advised that the only coins manufactured this year are the one cent piece, the silver dollar and the twenty dollar gold piece. The half dollar of the Grant Memorial issue have also been manufactured. These memorial coins are sold at a premium by the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, and are not distributed by the Treasury or the Mints.

You could obtain 1922 one cent pieces by applying to the Superintendent, U.S. Mint, Denver, in case you find it impossible to obtain it locally.

May I suggest that you might bring to the attention of the people laying the corner-stone that it is possible to obtain a bronze medal of the President. These medals are about three inches in diameter. They are sold at the Mint in Philadelphia at $1.00. I am making the suggestion for the reason that it has seemed appropriate to supply these medals for similar occasions. To obtain one of these medals the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia should be addressed.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

2—5738

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 24, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company

San Francisco, California.

Would prefer to accept your offer of twenty third and future offers for balance of calendar year for delivery Denver Can this be arranged

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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August 24, 1922.

Mr. Harold L. Madison,
Curator of Education,
The Cleveland Museum of Natural History,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 22 you are advised that this Bureau has no lantern slides of any kind.

I presume you are aware that the use of lantern slides for the purpose of exhibiting illustrations of coins is prohibited.

Regretting that we cannot be of service to you, I am,

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 24, 1922.

J. Goldsmith and Sons Co.,
Main Street,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed letter addressed to Mr. W. S. King, c/o United States Mint, was opened in this office by mistake. There is no mint in Washington, and I am unable to assist you in regard to the delivery of this letter.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1922.

United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

It is noted from schedule "A" which accompanied your letter of August 1, 1922 forwarding transcripts of accounts of silver transactions, that for the months January to April, 1920, the silver shipped to the Garfield plant of the American Smelting and Refining Company is classed as part foreign and part domestic.

In order to avoid duplication it is requested that you advise this office as to the quantity of this silver for which you supplied miner's affidavits to the American Smelting and Refining Company to support resale to the United States.

Also please advise from whom was received in August, 1920, 102,779.55 ounces of silver with miner's affidavits for resale by you.

Respectfully,

F. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 24, 1922.

Dear Congressman Luhring:

Replying to your letter of August 22 you are advised that the piece described by you is a nickel-bronze coin, the type of which was issued in 1858. There were $246,000 in these pieces issued, and many of them are still in circulation. The piece bore on the obverse the flying eagle to the left; below the date. On the reverse the denomination "One Cent" within a wreath of corn, wheat and cotton. These pieces were issued in 1857 and 1858. In 1859 the design of the one cent piece was changed to the Indian head.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. O. R. Luhring,
House of Representatives.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 24, 1922.

S. P. Beale & Son,

Eustis, Florida.

Sir:

I have your letter of August 21 advising of shipment of gold scrap. The express company has today delivered the package to this office. There is no place in Washington where such material is received by the Government, and I have today forwarded the package, together with your letter, to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia.

I would state for your information that the mints are not required to receive deposits which are of less value then $100. In this case, however, the Superintendent will be requested to receive your consignment.

Respectfully,

W. M. Roelofs

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 24, 1922.

Mr. George W. Moorhead,
Room 406, 276 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of August 23 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

It is understood that there is a mine located in Utah called the "Bully Boy and Western". I would suggest that you might obtain more definite information by consulting the American Smelting & Refining Company, 120 Broadway.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 24, 1922.

General Accounting Office,

Treasury Department.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith contract entered into by the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia with the Sun Company of that city which has been duly approved by the Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1922.

Dear Congressman Vare:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of August 15 and to the reply of this Bureau dated August 16, relative to the appointment of First Assistant Engineer in the Mint at Philadelphia. In accordance with the letter from this Bureau I beg to advise you that the Superintendent has recommended the appointment of Edward R. Steck with the statement that he believed it to be for the best interest of the service that Mr. Steck be given this appointment. The recommendation of the Superintendent has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for his approval.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Wm. S. Vare,

House of Representatives.

2—6738

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN

Washington,

August 25, 1922.

American Metals Company,
61 Broadway,
New York.

Offer sixty five thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ---Cont., Dev. Mint Bureau, 1923---
2—6738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 25, 1922.

Mr. Irving A. Chandler,
156 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 24 you are advised that the total number of silver dollars melted under the terms of the Pittman Act was 270,232,722. The number authorized by the bill was 350,000,000. To date 121,561,473 silver dollars have been coined. The rate of coinage is determined by the amount of fine silver available to the Government, and the capacity of the Mints. Coinage of silver dollars under the Pittman Act was begun February 21, 1921.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1922.

Mr. Charles Webster,

Good, West Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning the specimen of ore forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that about five pounds of this material be sent to the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, S. D., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

N. M. Rueby

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of abstracts from your books of account, of silver transactions, for the periods September to December, 1921, and January to June, 1922, inclusive.

As intimated in previous correspondence, reports in the form rendered have not been satisfactory. They do not carry foreign, domestic and total silver transactions forward separately, from period to period and from the beginning of operations under the terms of the Pittman Act, showing balances of each class on hand, etc., etc.

Attention is again invited to letter of this office dated January 21, 1922, copy forwarded with letter of July 18, 1922, also to letter of July 8, 1922, with request for reply by return mail as to when we may expect to receive returns that will meet our needs.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

F.

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1922.

Mr. G. W. Snyder, Sec.-Treasurer.,
The United Vending Machine Co.,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 23 you are advised that the coin presses used in the Mints are made in the Mints. We would not be in position to manufacture such machines for commercial purposes.

For your information I am taking the liberty of enclosing an excerpt from the Penal Code which may be of interest to you in connection with the manufacture of the pieces you describe.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1922.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 28, 1920, I have the honor to submit the monthly estimate of the value of the silver content of the following coins:

| | |
|---|---|
| Mexican dollar ..... | $0.5483 |
| British & Hongkong dollar ... | .5443 |
| Yuan dollar ..... | .5563 |

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1922.

Mr. H. B. Wild, Statistician,
The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company,
Office of the President,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 25, I am enclosing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, which is the last issued. The Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1922 will not be ready for distribution until some time in November. The report enclosed covers the production of the precious metals during the calendar year 1920. The production of precious metals during the calendar year 1921 will be included in the forthcoming Report.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1922.

American Metal Company, Ltd.,
(Asiatic Department)
61 Broadway, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your statements of balances, receipts, and deliveries of silver, rendered this office monthly, have not shown the sources of domestic silver receipts since the month of April, 1921. Please forward such information for filing with your returns.

On August 25, 1922, we accepted from you 65,000 ounces of silver for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia. This acceptance is premised on the understanding that you will promptly render abstracts from your books for the period subsequent to May evidencing receipt of additional silver to bring the amount of domestic silver up to the amount just accepted.

Respectfully

Acting Director of the Mint.

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2—5738

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE FILED:

Washington,

August 28, 1922.

Hon. F. E. Scobey,
Director of the Mint
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Should accept silver from Bunker Hill for Denver Wired them Thursday advising we preferred delivery there Holding up acceptance their offer awaiting their reply this Bureau

M. H. O'Reilly

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

2—5738

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 29, 1922.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one million ounces silver accepted delivery Denver five hundred thousand ounces delivery Philadelphia under terms Pittman Act

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126

2—5736

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Collect

August 29, 1922.

J. T. Abeles,
200 Rialto Building,
St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Scobey at Mint San Francisco Will not return to Washington until late September

M. M. O'Reilly

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR [illegible]

2—5738

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

2—5738

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 29, 1922.

Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co.,
San Francisco, California.

Offer twenty third of forty six thousand ounces Pittman silver

accepted Denver

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 212a.

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August 29, 1922.

Mr. Melvin Spencer,
Glenside & Greenwood Aves.,
Wapicote, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 26 you are advised that the quarter dollar you describe is one of several thousand which were coined before the design of the piece was changed in 1917.

The five-cent piece of 1883 is one of several hundred which were issued without the word "Cents".

No coin was ever issued bearing the portrait of President Wilson.

Respectfully,

F. Moriarty

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

August 29, 1922.

Mr. E. T. Francis,
11215 69th St.,
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 23 I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, New York City. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. The American Numismatic Society may, however, be able to tell you whether the coin collectors are in search of the piece you describe.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1922.

Miss Ada D. Pearce,
109 F Street, S.W.,
Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of August 24 you are advised that from the description given of the coin it is not possible to identify it. If you will forward a pencil rubbing to this Bureau we may be able to help you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1922.

Mrs. Russell Whaley,
910 North Quincy,
Topeka, Kansas.

Madam:

Replying to your card of August 26 enclosing a rubbing of a coin, you are advised that the piece you have is either a Turkish or Moorish coin of recent date. The year 1320 Anno Helgra is a Mohammedan year equivalent to the year 1902 Anno Domini.

Respectfully,

Mary McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1922.

Dr. E. R. Hart,
419 Liberty Central Trust Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 26 advising that you have 217 pennyweights of scrap gold which you desire to dispose of, I would suggest that you forward the same to the United Assay Office, New York, N.Y.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1922.

General Accounting Office,

Treasury Department.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith original contracts entered into by the Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office, New York, for telephone service for the current fiscal year, which has been duly approved by the Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 29, 1922.

Mr. Fred C. Beckell,
Assistant Cashier,
The Bethlehem National Bank,
Bethlehem, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 25 you are advised that the piece you describe and of which you enclose a pencil rubbing is an Eagle of 1799. The weight of the piece was 270 grains. An act of June, 1834 changed the weight of the eagle to 258 grains, so the piece you describe was heavier than the eagles now being issued. The rubbing corresponds exactly with the design of the eagle of the date the coin bears.

Respectfully,

M. McCarthy

Acting Director of the Mint.

2—5735

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 30, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces Pittman Silver accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

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August 30, 1922.

Metallurgical & Chemical Engineering,
239 West 39th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Will you please forward to this Bureau the regular issues of your publication for the period July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923. I am enclosing regular form of voucher which I will ask you to kindly execute and return in order that payment may be made to you in advance.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 30, 1922.

Dear Congressman Haugen:

Your letter of August 28 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau. I am enclosing herewith copy of letter written by this office under date of June 26 to Mr. Will F. Mase of Mason City, Iowa which was in answer to his inquiry forwarded by you under date of June 19, 1922.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Gilbert N. Haugen,

House of Representatives.

August 30, 1922.

Asia Banking Corporation,
35 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of June 27, 1922, you are advised that there have been purchased to August 26, 1922, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 126,499,506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones, Editor,
The Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Complying with your request of May 26, you are advised that there have been purchased to August 26, 1922, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 126,499,506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1922.

United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of August 29 of 85,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone communication of today your offer of 250,000 ounces of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act, is accepted for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

M McPherson

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 30, 1922.

Mr. P. L. Smith,
Route No. 1,
Germanton, N.C.

Sir:

Your letter of August 10 addressed to the "U.S. Assay Office" has been held in this Bureau awaiting sample of ore which you state is being forwarded under separate cover. There is no Assay Office in Washington, and no place where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The ore referred to by you has not been delivered to this Bureau. Should you desire an assay made I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of the material to any of the following offices.

U.S. Assay Office, Deadwood, S.D.
U.S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana
U.S. Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Assays will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1922.

Mr. Lee Snyder,
Benedict Pool Hall,
Benedict, North Dakota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 26 you are advised that Mexican money is not legal tender in this country, and I am unable to advise you as to the exchange rate of Mexican coin.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1922.

United States Guarantee Company,
111 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of August 28, you are advised that Charles H. Tiedman, formerly employed as a Skilled Workman at the United States Assay Office, New York, was retired from the service March 15, 1922.

Respectfully,

H. M. McRell,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 30, 1922.

Mr. J. H. Bunning,
Box 173,
Colfax, California.

Sir:

Replying to your card of August 22 I am enclosing under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921.

For information relative to imports and exports I would suggest that you address the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1922.

Mrs. Ettie Spurgeon,
Route 1,
Fairfield, Washington.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the ore forwarded with your letter of recent date, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where this work is done by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

F. McRiley

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 30, 1922.

The First National Bank of Pasadena,

Pasadena, California.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of August 21 you are advised that the Harding Peace Medals were struck at the Philadelphia Mint, and a copy in bronze may be had upon application to the Superintendent of that institution at $1.00, plus cost of posting the same to you.

Respectfully,

T. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 31, 1923.

Mr. H. V. Speelman
Register of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Speelman:

Mr. Scoby is at the Mint in San Francisco and will not return to Washington for two or three weeks. In his absence I have replied to Mr. McGhee in regard to machines used by the Mint in the manufature of subsidiary and minor coins. I am enclosing herewith copy of reply to Mr. McGee.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 31, 1922.

Mr. Joseph McGhee,
208 Huntington Bank Building,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of August 28 addressed to the Registrar of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Reference is made to letter quoted below addressed to a Columbus, Ohio concern on the subject of coin presses. I am also enclosing a copy of the excerpt from the Penal Code which was enclosed to the concern referred to. The letter appears to cover your inquiry.

If we can be of further service to you please advise us.

"Replying to your letter of August 23 you are advised that coin presses used in the Mints are made in the Mints. We would not be in position to manufacture such machines for commercial purposes.

For your information I am taking the liberty of enclosing an excerpt from the Penal Code which may be of interest to you in connection with the manufacture of the pieces you describe."

Respectfully.

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1922.

Department of State,
Office of the Chief Clerk,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $1,379.91, covering cost of 50 gold life saving medals and cases furnished, per your order of April 14, 1922. Receipt for the delivery of these medals is attached to the voucher. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

| | |
|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $ 143.12 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 1,236.79 |
| | $1,379.91 |

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1922.

Office, Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find two bills of the Philadelphia Mint, one for 6 2¢ stamped envelope dies furnished, amount $60.10, to be credited to the following appropriations;

| | |
|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $51.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 9.10 |
| | $60.10 |

the other for 6 2¢ and 6 1¢ stamped envelope dies furnished, amount $120.20, to be credited as follows;

| | |
|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $102.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 18.20 |
| | $120.20 |

Receipts for the delivery of these dies are attached to the vouchers. Please cause settlement to be made, crediting the amounts in question to the appropriations as indicated.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 31, 1922.

Boyer Chemical Laboratory Co.,
940 North Clark St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your voucher against this office for 3 lqt. cans Beechwood Furniture Polish furnished @ .33⅓ each, your invoice #28897, and order #28135, dated July 12, 1922, it is noted that a charge of 38¢ for postage and insurance is included in the total of the bill. It is presumed that prices quoted in the General Supply Committee Schedule cover delivery charges. Unless this office receives information to the contrary, the charge for postage and insurance will be deducted and voucher approved for payment in the sum of $1.02.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 31, 1932.

Mr. W. A. Boyd, Vice President,
The First National Bank of Ithaca,
Ithaca, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 29 you are advised that the Act known as the "Pittman Act" is that introduced by Senator Pittman and passed on April 23, 1918. The bill provides for the conservation of the gold supply of the United States, etc. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the same.

Under the provisions of this Act the Department is now purchasing silver.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1922.

Mr. Willis Book,
123 Candler Ave.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date relative to stone in your possession, I would suggest that you communicate with the Curator, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C., who will probably be able to advise you in regard to the same.

There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1922.

General Accounting Office,

Treasury Department.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request of recent date I am enclosing herewith the proposals from the following named successful bidders with whom the United States Mint at Denver entered into contract for the fiscal year 1923:

The Continental Oil Company
Richard Kell
The Denver Towel Supply Co.
Western Iron Foundry Co.

I am also enclosing letter from this Bureau dated August 17, together with contract of Richard Kell, which was left by you at this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M McPhilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 1, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this date accepting your offer of three hundred thousand ounces of fine silver for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully.

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,
August 31, 1922.

Night

Hon. F. E. Scobey
Director of the Mint
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Philadelphia Mint starting on gold coinage tomorrow Will be delivering approximately seven hundred fifty thousand dollars in gold by middle of month For this reason San Francisco should prepare immediately to stop gold coinage and operate entirely on silver dollars in order to absorb as much as possible before end calendar year stock of silver on hand at San Francisco Denver mint keeping current with silver being shipped there Please advise if this meets with your approval.

M. M. O'Reilly

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

September 1, 1922.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Attention is invited to letter of this office dated April 21, 1922, copied below, to which no reply appears to have yet been received:

"Will you kindly refer to your letter of April 6, 1922 replying to communication of this office dated March 23, addressed to the United Metals Selling Company concerning affidavits for silver delivered to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, under the terms of the Pittman Act, wherein the quantity for which settlement was made was either nill or considerably less than the silver content of the ore.

It has been the practice of other vendors to include in the affidavits in cases of this kind clauses stating the facts, such, for example, as that the silver content of the ore was so small that no payment therefor was made. Will you kindly follow this practice in future similar cases, also forward to this office statements to support the affidavits already filed in cases of this kind."

Respectfully,

H. M. Robert

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, Sep. 2, 1922.

Hon. F.E.Scobey, C/. U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

No reduction in force contemplated before January first and then only temporaries at Denver. Philadelphia has only enough silver to do small silver coinage balance calendar year. Denver is getting barely enough to keep supplied and can absorb all tendered to end of calendar year. San Francisco has bulk uncoined Pittman silver which Department desires shall be coined fast as possible. No work for Philadelphia unless it goes on gold. Not advisable to continue purchases for Philadelphia and have San Francisco continue on gold when San Francisco has such large stock of silver. Large gold coinage desired by Department can be supplied by Philadelphia. Contemplate Denver will have to go on gold after January first. Department desires from San Francisco largest possible silver dollar coinage on eight hour basis except where extra time is required to coordinate operations. Would like to suggest that you take up while there the possibility of reducing large stock unrefined gold on hand at San Francisco with view to eventually taking unrefined stock from Denver Mint. ...

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES. Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1923.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

2—6738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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September 2, 1922.

Miss Margaret D. Hansen.
Business Clerk,
Cornell University.
Department of Chemistry,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 1st you are advised that proof silver is prepared for scientific laboratories and sold by the Mint at Philadelphia at $2.00 per ounce. It is presumed that your inquiry covers "proof silver". The Government does not sell silver in any other form.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1922.

The Annalist,
Times Square,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This office is still receiving two (2) copies of "The Annalist," as per previous advice, and as per enclosed clippings from wrappers. We desire but one copy of the publication and request that the other be discontinued.

Respectfully,

M. McO'Reilly

Enc.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 5, 1922.

Research Corporation
31 W. 43rd Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your contract for the installation of a Cottrell Electrical Precipitation Plant in the United States Assay Office at New York, and to your letter of August 30, 1922, submitting certain drawings for approval; you are advised the approval is hereby given said drawings for general arrangement only.

The drawings referred to are as follows:-

S. K. 517-B.
S. K. 498-B.
S. K. 481-B.
1916-B.
1868-B.
1862-B.
S. K. 482-L.

One copy will be sent to the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, one copy retained in the files of this Bureau, and the other has been handed to your Mr. Heimrod this day.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 5, 1922.

Mr. Joseph Matson,
817 East 22nd Street,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your card of recent date you are advised that from 1913 to date there have been coined $25,106,647.80 in nickels. No five-cent nickel pieces have been coined during this calendar year.

The old design nickel pieces coined in 1912 at the Mints named, were as follows:-

| | |
|---|---|
| San Francisco | $11,900.00 |
| Denver | 423,700.00 |

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 5, 1923.

The Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

There is enclosed contract of the Lansdale Foundry Company returned to this office with your letter of August 22. The seal of the Company has been attached to the contract in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 5, 1922.

Asia Banking Corporation
35 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of June 27, 1922, you are advised that there have been purchased to September 2, 1922, under the terms of the Pittman Act, 128,828.506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones, Editor,
The Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Complying with your request of May 25, you are advised that there have been purchased to September 2, 1922, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, 128,828,506 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

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WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 5, 1922.

Hon. Joseph S. Frelinghuysen,
Raritan, N. J.

Coins requested in letter ~~sixth~~ fifth in mail to you from Mint Philadelphia.

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1923

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

9—6738

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2124

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September 6, 1922.

Mr. R. W. Hartwell,
Cangallo 499,
Buenos Aires,
Argentina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 10 you are advised that the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" has not been revised since 1916.

I am sending a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, which contains much general information relative to the monetary systems of other countries, with the hope that it may be of interest to you. The Report for 1922 will be issued some time in October, and your name has been placed upon the mailing list for a copy.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 6, 1922.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper,
Almanac Editorial Department,
The World,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, you are advised that the bullion value of 371¼ grains of pure silver (the standard silver dollar), at annual average price of silver for the calendar year 1921, was $0.48817.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 6, 1922.

Mr. Frank T. Wind,
5709 Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 3rd you are advised that I am unable to give you the names of foreign representatives who could supply you with the information you desire.

You may be able to obtain specimens of the current coins from one of your local banks which deals in Exchange.

Respectfully,

F. H. McNeely

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 6, 1922.

Mr. J. Fitzgearld,
Hawkeye, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 31, addressed to the "Gold Commissioner" which was delivered to this Office, you are advised that there is no officer in Washington called "Gold Commissioner", and there is no place in Washington where an assay could be made of material you describe. An Assay would, however, be made at the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, So. Dakota. About five pounds of ore are required to make a satisfactory assay. A charge is made of $1.00 for determining gold and silver. The charge would have to be prepaid.

I would suggest that you address the State Treasurer of the State of New York in regard to mining laws of that State.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1922.

Mr. Albert C. Larsen,
East Springfield, N. Y.

Sir:

The pencil rubbing of coin enclosed in your letter appears to be that of the Eagle issued in 1801. It is not possible to say positively, however. I would suggest that if you care to you might send the piece to the American Numismatic Society, New York City, for examination. The Government does not issue any bulletin on the value of coins of special dates.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

2—5738

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 7, 1922.

Hon. F. E. Scobey,
C/o. U.S.Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Everything all right here. Philadelphia started on gold. Suggest you take up with Mr. Grant plan of coining gold after January first with regular face only. Not likely to get enough silver to carry Denver on silver beyond that time. Where shall I send mail.

O'Reilly

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Min; Bureau 1923.
2—5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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September 7, 1922.

Mr. Robert Tripps,
Box 10, R. F. D. No. 2,
Elizabethtown, Tennessee.

Sir:

I am returning the specimen of ore sent by you and have to advise you that the same appears to be mica. It has none of the precious metals apparent.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 7, 1922.

Mr. S. P. Panton,
Casper, Wyoming.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 3rd instant, your name is being placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the 1922 report of the Director of the Mint when issued, about December 1st next.

Am enclosing herewith statement showing paper money in circulation by denominations.

Respectfully,

M. McPhail

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1922.

Anaconda Copper Mining Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The miners' affidavits covering silver which you contemplate selling to the Director of the Mint under the terms of the Pittman Act, forwarded with your letter of June 9, 1922, are being held in this office and will be applied against deliveries of silver made by you from time to time. This will be done, however, with the understanding that the Government is merely acting for you in this matter and that it assumes no obligation to purchase from you the quantity of silver represented by said affidavits.

It is requested that no further miners' affidavits be forwarded directly to this office but that they be retained by you until miners' affidavits heretofore forwarded have been absorbed by deliveries, after which they should be forwarded, from time to time, to the mint to which deliveries of silver are made on tenders accepted by this office for prompt shipment.

Examination of the returns forwarded with your letter of June 9th, brings to attention the following:

Affidavits supporting stock on hand January 17, 1920:

The Tooele Smelter receipts are represented in part by two miners' affidavits, made by different officers of the Utah Consolidated Mining Company, owner of the Highland Boy Mine. The affidavits are for different quantities of silver but in other respects are identically worded, covering same period, etc; evidence should be furnished that there is no duplication in these affidavits. The October, 1920, receipts of the Tooele Smelter include an item 17,374.37 ounces as having been received from H. V. Jenkins. An affidavit in the same amount, made by the Idaho Continental Mining Company, is present; please advise if they are intended to cover the same item and if so, relationship between the two.

The Anaconda and Great Falls plant report includes 30,558.63 ounces from the Montana Laboratory Company; no miners' affidavits support same; however, miners' affidavits are found under the name of the Black Pine Mining Company for the same quantity. If these are presumed to represent the same amounts, relationship between the two concerns should be explained.

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The Anaconda and Great Falls receipts also include 695.95 ounces from the First State Bank of Philipsburg; no miners' affidavits support this item unless the affidavits in the name of the Sanders Mine (Matt Dobin 435.25 and Herman and Charles Sanders 260.70) are intended to cover same; if so the relationship between the two should be explained.

No miners' affidavits have been found for the following items stated to have been received by the smelters:

| Mining Concern | Ounces |
|---|---|
| **Tooele Smelter** | |
| Utah Ore Sampling Company | 18.74 |
| Third Term Mining Company | 140.44 |
| Utah Southern Mining Company | 120.71 |
| Michael Barnett | 121.56 |
| Jack Waite Mining Company | 180.99 |
| Goodhue Brothers | 272.12 |
| Jack Waite Mining Company | 10.44 |
| Nevada Packard Mining Company | 3,053.32 |
| Utah Ore Sampling Company | 226.94 |
| L. W. Whiting | 120.11 |
| American Smelting and Refining Company | 1,573.56 |
| Bank of Emmert | 2,044.17 |
| Jack Waite Mining Company | 91.91 |
| First National Bank of Ely | 124.68 |
| Reorganized United Mines Company | 6,325.08 |
| Total Tooele Smelter | 14,424.75 |
| **Anaconda and Great Falls** | |
| Fred Rose | 200.99 |
| V. A. Jensen | 18.57 |
| Robert Lindborg | 276.59 |
| Jas. D. Hart | 4.33 |
| Phil J. Shenon | 157.82 |
| J. A. Palelzick | 25.62 |
| Joseph Johnson | 6.10 |
| W. W. Smith | 17.39 |
| Jno. Nicholson, c/o W. A. Clark & Bro. | 83.66 |
| Kovacevich and Vuich | 32.72 |
| Pat Nolan | 5.53 |
| Barter and Johnson | 2.05 |
| Wm. Matson | 319.97 |
| John Niva & Company | 105.10 |
| Fred Rose | 220.60 |
| D. R. McLeod | 45.87 |
| Total Anaconda and Great Falls | 1,523.11 |
| **Miami Plant** | |
| Wolf, Zimmer & Jleskey | 2.37 |
| Grand Total | 15,950.23 |

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Please note that the total of the above figures for undelivered miners' affidavits differs somewhat from the figures carried in your letter of June 9th, 20,736.01, less the 4,893.01 ounces forwarded with your letter of June 14th, net difference 15,843 ounces.

Attention is invited to the following in connection with miners' affidavits filed to support your receipts for the period January to March, 1922, inclusive. Affidavit filed by the Clark-Montana Realty Company in support of January receipts covers items stated in the miner's affidavit to have been delivered in September, October, and December, 1921; these items cannot be identified on the abstracts of your books for the months specified. Affidavit of the Moulton Mining Company, also filed in support of January receipts, covers deliveries, according to the miner's affidavit, from July, 1921, to January, 1922, inclusive; these items cannot be identified on the abstracts of your books for the months in question. Item represented by miner's affidavit of P. Peraut & Company covering their delivery of October, 1921, is not found on the abstracts of your books for the month of October. Since the abstracts from books are presumed to cover all receipts during the period covered by such abstracts, explanation is requested, including such data as you may care to submit in evidence of non-duplication.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 7, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company
25 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Your offer three hundred thousand ounces silver accepted for delivery Denver. Please see our letter August seven.

O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

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GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
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September 7, 1922.

Ideal Interchangeable Tooth Co.,
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of September 1st, together with package sent by Express, has reached this office. There is no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the Government. The package has been sent unopened to the Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York. That officer will remit to you the value of the gold and silver content, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1922.

Mr. D. J. Kearn,
1330 9th Street
Augusta, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 5th instant you are advised that the specimen sent is pyrite or a form of iron ore.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1922.

Dr. L. Montgomery
206 - 209 State Bank Building,
Parsons, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 1st, enclosing specimens of ore for assay, you are advised that there is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government.

If you will forward specimens to the U.S. Assay Office at Deadwood, S. D., the Assayer in Charge of that institution will make analyses for gold and silver, at a charge of $1.00, and one dollar for other metals determined.

About five pounds of the ore should be sent for a satisfactory assay.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:

Specimens.

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September 8, 1922.

Mr. William Clausssen,
The Clausssen Nursery,
Paullina, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 1st you are advised that the last edition of the pamphlet "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" is exhausted. As soon as a copy of the new edition is available one will be sent to you.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1922.

Mr. Harold R. Bradley,
Box 96, Providence, R. I.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 6 you are advised that the only $50 gold piece ever authorized by the Congress was that issued for the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

The current gold coins are -

The Double Eagle, The Eagle, The Quarter Eagle, The Half Eagle.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1922.

Honorable Francisco Valdes,
Director of the Mint,
Mexico City,
Mexico.

Dear Mr. Valdes:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 8, enclosing one gold piece of 50-Pesos and one silver piece of 2-Pesos for the numismatic collection of the Mint at Philadelphia.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been authorized to offer to you for the Mexican Mint collection a $20 gold coin and a $1-dollar silver piece. I am directed to say to you for the Director of the Mint, who is temporarily absent from the city, that it will give him much pleasure if you will accept the coins from him.

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 9, 1923.

U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Company,
120 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Confirming telephone communication this day accept your offer ninety thousand ounces silver for delivery Mint Denver under terms Pittman Act.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

CIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1923.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 9, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York City.

Confirming telephone communication this day accept September seventh your/offer three hundred thousand ounces silver for delivery Mint Denver under terms Pittman Act.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT; APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1923.

2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

September 9, 1922.

Mr. Murray M. McNair,
Cashier, Security State Bank,
Pillager, Minn.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a half dollar to take the place of the coin forwarded by you. The coin sent in by you is a genuine piece, but had what is known as a "blister" which caused the piece not to ring true.

Respectfully,

Henry W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

September 9, 1922.

The Director of Sales,
Munitions Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has made requisition for 10,000 yards of cotton duck to be used in the manufacture of coin bags. It is understood that duck of the following description is in surplus in the Quartermaster's Department, Philadelphia, and that it can be sold to the Mint at 19 cents per yard, less 15%.-

Duck, grey, 29", 10 oz., S.T., B. L., declared surplus and covered by S. P. D. #E 13825.

In accordance with telephone arrangement made with Captain Kraft, the price of 19 cents, less 15%, is satisfactory, and authority for the transfer of the material and sale to the Mint is requested. If the transfer is authorized the duck is to be delivered to -

The Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

A blank form of voucher is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 9, 1922.

Mr. A. E. Way,
Bowmanville, R. R. No. 5, Ontario.

Sir:

Replying to your letter to the Treasurer of the United States dated September 7, this letter will be authority for you to obtain from the Superintendent of the Mint, Philadelphia, one $20 gold coin of the coinage of 1922.

Please send this letter to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia when you remit the value of the coin and sufficient to cover cost of mailing and registry if you wish the piece registered.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 11, 1922.

Asia Banking Corporation,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen.

Complying with your request of June 27, 1922, you are advised that to the close of business Saturday, September 9, there were purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act 129,720,951 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

M. McReynolds

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 11, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones, Editor,
The Financial Review,
60 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Complying with your request of May 26, you are advised that there have been purchased to September 9, 1922, under the terms of the Pittman Act, 129,720,951 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 11, 1922.

Mr. F. F. Smotherman
2607 Stivert Street,
East Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Sir:

I am returning the specimens recently sent by you to "the Chief Assayer," and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ores are made for the public by the Government.

If you will forward the specimens to the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota, an assay for gold and silver will be made at a charge of $1.00, and for each other metal determined a charge of $1.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 11, 1922.

Mr. J. C. Lyons,
Strange Creek, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 8 you are advised that assays of ores for gold and silver are made at some of the U. S. Assay Offices. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S. D., will make an assay for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 for determining the two metals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 12, 1922.

Bunker Hill Sullivan Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

All purchases silver now being made for delivery Denver Mint. Have large stock in San Francisco and practically none at Denver. Prefer to accept your offer of today for delivery Denver Mint.

Mcobey
Acting Director Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 13, 1922.

American Smelting Refining Company
120 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Your offer one million five hundred thousand

ounces silver accepted for delivery Mint Denver under terms of Pittman Act.

Scobey

Director Mint.

SOCIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1923.
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

September 13, 1922.

Banker Hill Sullivan Company,
San Francisco, California.

Your offer sixty thousand ounces silver accepted

for delivery Mint Denver under terms Pittman Act.

Scobey

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1923.

SOCIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1923

Sep. 13, 1922

Mackall Brothers,

823 H Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4409 | Acid; nitric; | 140 lbs. | per.lb |
| | (a) C.p., sp. gr. 1.42 | ( 2 cases | $0.205 |

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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September 13, 1922.

Dear Mr. Fraser:

As you are aware, the Curator of the Mint at Philadelphia died last July. We are looking about for someone to take his place. Dr. Kunz of Tiffany & Company, has been kind enough to suggest Mr. Bauman L. Belden, 1 Hamilton Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey.

Would it be possible for you to give us any information about him. Any report you may find it agreeable to make will be treated confidentially, and I will, of course, ask that you treat this inquiry confidentially. I feel sure you know how important it is for us to have some one in charge of the numismatic collection who would be highly conscientious in handling it.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leslie

Director of the Mint.

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Mr. James E. Fraser,
3 MacDougal Alley,
New York, N. Y.

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September 13, 1922.

Dear Mr. Fraser:

Upon my return to my desk yesterday I was told of your very courteous willingness to allow us to use your portrait of Alexander Hamilton when we undertake the preparation of a medal of him at the Mint. The burden of kindness in the matter would be upon you, and if you are willing to let us use the portrait we could work other details into the design which would make it essentially a mint medal, and not intrude upon any details of your own medal which you propose to prepare for the dedication. If we had a fund for this work I would not impose upon you, but our eagerness for a good medal of the first Secretary of the Treasury will be our excuse for encroaching upon your generosity. We will do nothing about the medal until after the dedication of your monument.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. James E. Fraser,
MacDougall Alley,
New York, N. Y.

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# TREASUF : DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 14, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,

25 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Your offer six hundred thousand ounces silver accepted for delivery Denver Mint under terms Pittman Act.

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Director.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128
2—6736

September 14, 1922.

The Secretary
International Exchange Service,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be forwarded through the International Exchange Service four copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint, for the years 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921, respectively, to the following address, and oblige this Bureau:-

Mr. Ernest Goulding,
Imperial Institute of the
United Kingdom
South Kensington,
London, S.W., 7,
England.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:
Reports.

September 14, 1922.

Mr. Ernest Goulding
Imperial Institute of the
United Kingdom,
South Kensington, London, S. W. 7.

Sir:

Responding to your request of September 5, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921, and have caused your name to be placed upon the mailing list for the future editions of the Report.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 14, 1922.

Mr. Gilbert G. Fites,
Librarian, Southern State Normal School,
Springfield, North Dakota.

Sir:

Responding to your request of September 9, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, and have placed your name on the mailing list for the forthcoming Report.

The circular, Value of Foreign Coins, is issued quarterly, and a copy of the last edition is enclosed. There is also enclosed a copy of the List of Medals for sale at the Mint, Philadelphia.

The Circular Information Relative to United States Bonds, Paper Currency, Coin, etc., is out of print. A new edition is being prepared.

The Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at Washington, at $1.00 per copy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

September 14, 1922.

The United Comstock Mines Co.,
Gold Hill, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your request of the 8th instant there are enclosed ten(10)copies of the blank forms and regulations concerning the purchase of silver by the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 14, 1922.

Mr. H. S. Stoolfire,
Spokane, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the instant you are advised that the Report for 1922 is now being prepared and will be ready for distribution within a few weeks. Your name has been placed upon the mailing list for a copy of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

~~RICHMOND.~~

September 15, 1922.

Bunker Hill Sullivan Company
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer eighty-five thousand ounces silver accepted for delivery Denver under terms Pittman Act.

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Director.

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September 15, 1922.

Tamarack & Custer Consolidated Mining Co.,
Wallace, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of September 9th, you are advised that the Treasury Department does not attempt to regulate the methods of imposing charges for treatment of silver bullion, and of settlements therefor by reducing concerns.

Reference is made to the enclosed copy of Treasury regulations governing the purchase of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act, from which it will be noted that vendors of mixed foreign and domestic silver to the Government are required to furnish to the Director of the Mint sworn extracts from their books showing quantities of each class of bullion purchased, amounts refined, amounts lost and gained in operation, amounts sold, balances, etc. Also please note that losses in operation must be apportioned between foreign and domestic on the basis of foreign and domestic receipts, and that therefore the Government protects itself against the purchase of a greater quantity of silver than is produced by domestic mines.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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September 15, 1922.

Mr. George A. Freeman,
Cashier, Cylinder State Bank,
Cylinder, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 12th you are advised that the piece described by you is not a coin but what is known as a token piece. Many types of these pieces were issued in the early years of our history and during the Civil War.

Respectfully,

F. A. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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September 15, 1922.

Mr. A. M. Brown,
Newspaper Information Service, Inc.,
1322 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 14 I would advise you that the design upon the reverse of the dime, known as the "Fasces" was used to symbolize unity. The foliaged branch of olive is symbolical of peace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 14, 1932.

Mr. E. R. Kreiber,
Publicity Department,
Union Trust Company,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 13, I take pleasure in advising you that you can obtain a full set of the Presidential Medals from the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

The Medals issued by the Mint are not the inauguration medals, however, but the regular issue of the Government medal of each President. The bronze medals are sold for one dollar each.

Respectfully,

J. E. Zerbey

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:

Medal circular.

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September 16, 1924.

Mr. S. H. Benton,
Colton, Utah.

Sir:

Your letter, together with package addressed to the United States Government Assayer, Washington, has been delivered to this Office. There is no place in Washington where assays of ores are made by the Government for the public. If you will send your sample to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, a test for gold and silver will be made at a charge of $1.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:
Specimen.

September 16, 1922.

Mr. B. C. Riley,
Dedman, New Mexico.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of September 11, together with a package of ore. There is no place in Washington where assays of ores are made for the public by the Government. I would suggest sending the specimen to the United States Mint, New Orleans, where an assay will be made to determine gold and silver at a charge of $1.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

Specimen of ore.

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September 15, 1922.

Mr. Henry Archer,
Mapleton, Maine.

Sir:

This Bureau has received your letter, together with specimen which you wish to have inspected. A visual examination indicates that the material is quartz.

There is no laboratory in Washington where assays of ores are made for the public by the Government.

The specimen has been sent to the Smithsonian Institution, and the Secretary of that office will make further reply to you.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

Enclosure:
Stamps.

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September 16, 1922.

Mr. Bailey Smith,
Denim, North Carolina.

Sir:

Please find enclosed sample sent by you recently to "The United States Mint, Washington, D.C." There is no Mint in Washington, and there is no laboratory under the Government in Washington where tests are made of ores or specimens.

I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the material to the United States Assay Office, at Boise, Idaho, or to the U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana, where a test will be made at a charge of $1 for determining gold and silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

September 16, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Company,
120 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen;

Your offer of September 16th., of approximately 100,000 ounces of silver is hereby accepted for delivery to the United States Mint, Denver, under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 15, 1922.

Mr. Wright Johnson,
30 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 15 you are advised that the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, was issued late in 1921. I am sending a copy to your address. Your name has been placed upon the mailing list of this Bureau for a copy of the forthcoming Report, fiscal year 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 16, 1922.

Mr. Daniel E. Morris,
R. R. No. 1,
Glensted, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 10 you are advised that the piece you describe is what is known as a "Spiel Marke". The pieces were issued in resemblance of a coin, to deceive. Their issue is illegal.

Respectfully,

A. E. Kunz

Director of the Mint.

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September 16, 1922.

Dear Mr. Emerson:

In accordance with the suggestion made to you upon a recent visit to this Bureau, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia was asked to quote on building a weighing machine for your bank.

I am enclosing his letter which is self-explanatory.

If this Bureau can be of further assistance to you, please call upon us.

Respectfully,

J. E. Ferley

Director of the Mint.

Mr. R. G. Emerson,
Deputy Governor,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Dallas, Texas.

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September 16, 1922.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to advise that silver receipts of the mints during the month of August, 1922, were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unrefined domestic bullion | - - | 249,670.27 fine ounces. |
| Unrefined foreign bullion | - - | 204,268.54 " " |
| Foreign silver coin | - - | 29,117.36 " " |

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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September 19, 1922.

The Stargo Mines, Inc.,
359 Produce Exchange
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your request of September 18th I am enclosing herewith a copy of the regulations governing the purchases of silver by the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act. The silver which can be covered by the requirements of this Act is the only silver ~~xxx~~ being purchased by the Government at this time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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September 19, 1922.

Mr. Joseph Ludvic Noles,
La Grange, Texas.

Sir:

Your letter of recent date enclosing a medal which has been injured by fire, has been received and forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia. The Superintendent of that institution will forward to you a duplicate.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 19, 1922.

The Special Delegation of the Far Eastern Republic
to the United States of America,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly favor this office by forwarding one copy each of the following publications:

"Gold Resources and Gold Mining Industry of the Far Eastern Republic."

"Mineral Resources of the Far Eastern Republic."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 19, 1922.

Mr. J. E. Crane,
Manager Foreign Department,
Federal Reserve Bank,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I have to confirm telephone communication of this date relative to monthly purchases of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act.-

| 1920. | Ozs. |
|---|---|
| May | 332,088 |
| June | 6,168,505 |
| July | 3,288,856 |
| Aug. | 3,429,277 |
| Sept., | 3,815,733 |
| Oct., | 4,634,860 |
| Nov., | 3,638,670 |
| Dec., | 4,599,172 |

| 1921. | Ozs. |
|---|---|
| Jan., | 2,532,000 |
| Feb., | 3,444.740 |
| Mar., | 5,370,980 |
| Apr., | 8,117,748 |
| May | 4,122,400 |
| June | 5,204,750 |
| July | 2,841,000 |
| Aug., | 8,325,000 |

| 1921. | |
|---|---|
| Jan., | 4,677,188 |
| Feb., | 4,615,842 |
| Mar., | 5,912,065 |
| Apr., | 4,334,741 |
| May | 6,836,500 |
| June | 4,442,000 |
| July | 4,670,119 |
| Aug., | 4,913,614 |
| Sep., | 3,471,436 |
| Oct., | 5,917,997 |
| Nov., | 3,447,000 |
| Dec., | 5,424,025 |

Sep. to date 3,537,445

Total to date 132,065,951

Respectfully,

Henry Wm. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 20, 1922.

Mr. Clinton B. Dodge,
Great Bend, New York.

Sir:

I have your letter of September 14 relative to your remittance of a one-dollar money order to cover the cost of a copy of the "Catalogue of Coins Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia".

The records of this Bureau show that the money order was sent to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, on August 22nd. That officer's department reports that the same has not been received. I am, however, sending to you from this Office, to-day, from our Library, a copy of the Catalogue. I am extremely sorry that you have been put to so much trouble in the matter, and appreciate your very courteous patience in regard to the case.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 20, 1922.

Mr. James McCormack,
Piermont, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of September 13, together with a sample of ore sent by you has been delivered to this Bureau. There is no place in Washington where assays are made by the Government for the public. If you care to send a specimen of the ore to the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota, an assay will be made for you at a charge of $1.00.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 20, 1922.

Mr. Andrew T. Smith,
General Delivery,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your letter of August 26th, addressed to the "Bureau of Standards and Assaying Department," has been sent to this Bureau. There is no laboratory in Washington where assays of ores are made for the public by the Government.

I am returning the specimen sent by you and beg to advise you that if you care to send the ore to the United States Assay Office, Dearwood, South Dakota, an assay for gold and silver will be made at a charge of $1.00, and an additional charge of $1.00 for each other metal determined.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 11, 1923.

Honorable Walter L. Ellis,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Ellis:

In accordance with telephone communication of this morning I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter written by Secretary McAdoo to Senator Pittman, March 30, 1918, when the Act approved April 23, 1918, was being drafted. There is also enclosed, for your convenience, a copy of the Act.

I would also respectfully refer you to the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury for the fiscal year 1918, on page 41 of which reference is made to the Act cited.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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September 21, 1922.

The American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter L-915 dated July 11, 1922, to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia transmitting miners' affidavits to a total of 1,500,845 ounces silver, attention is invited to the following:

Opposite the heading "East Helena" the June quantity is given as 422,321 ounces and July 1,845 ounces. This 1,845 ounces is included on a single affidavit sheet (your number, in red, 2938) with 4,420 ounces additional giving a total for this affidavit sheet of 6,263 ounces. The entire 6,263 ounces are included with other items for making up the total of 422,321 ounces shown for June thus making claim for duplicate credit in the sum of 1,845 ounces. The above mentioned affidavit for 6263 ounces is a part of the lot totaling 181,279 ounces.

Copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint with request for correction of their records as to the duplication.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1922.

Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $250.00, covering 25 prs. Philippine Coinage dies ordered July 26, 1922. Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

| | |
|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, | |
| Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $187.50 |
| Contingent Expenses, | |
| Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 62.50 |
| | $250.00 |

Respectfully,

W. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 23, 1922.

Dear Mr. Director:

I am enclosing a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco to which he attaches a letter received from his nephew relative to a position he is seeking in your institution.

The letters are self-explanatory, and I am glad to add my endorsement. I shall be very appreciative of any courtesy you may extend in considering the application of Mr. Driscoll, for I would like to serve my Superintendent in San Francisco. If you can find it possible to regard the case upon its merits in a favorable light I will be very glad to communicate with Mr. Kelly to that effect.

Very truly yours,

J. Eckels

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Louis A. Hill,
Director
Bureau of Engraving
and Printing.

September 23, 1922.

Mr. H. K. Hochschild,
Executive Sales Department,
The American Metal Company, Ltd.,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Latvia, I beg to state that the United States Mints are not equipped to execute pure nickel coinage.

The bronze coinage referred to could be made at the Mint at the following rates:-

| | | Per M. |
|---|---|---|
| 5,000,000 | one centime pieces | $1.90 |
| 10,000,000 | ten " " | 2.00 |
| 15,000,000 | five " " | 2.10 |

The above costs include the cost of working dies and the cost of canvas sacks. Master dies would have to be furnished by the Latvian Government or paid for if made at the Mint. Master dies cost approximately $350.00, and would, of course, remain the property of the foreign Government.

The metal would be supplied by the mint at the market rates when the order was placed. Kegs, which are generally used for shipping coins would be furnished at about $2.25 each.

It would be necessary for an agent of the Government to receive and make payment for the coins at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 23, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of 96,000 ounces of silver is accepted for delivery to the Mint at Denver under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 23, 1922.

Leyse Aluminum Company,
Kewaunee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 20th you are advised that the Department is not paying out new coins for the reason that there is a large stock of circulated coins now on hand in the Treasury. Until this stock is restored to circulation no new coins are being paid out.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 23, 1922.

Mr. S. W. Schaefer,
27 William Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant you are advised that the Assay Commission serves without compensation. Actual traveling and subsistence expenses while going to and from Philadelphia and while in attendance on the sessions of the Commission are paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses Mint at Philadelphia. The sessions of the Commission last about three days.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

September 23, 1922.

Jacob & Scheidt,
Kommanditgesellschaft,
Berlin, Germany.

Gentlemen:

It affords me pleasure to place your name on the mailing list, as per your request of September 4th, to receive a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the year ended June 30, 1922, when it becomes available for distribution about December 1st, next.

Please accept my thanks for your publication "Der Edelmetallhandel im Jahre 1921" received in this office some days ago.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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September 23, 1922.

The World,
Almanac Editorial Dept.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of September 20th, the following information is given:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Domestic coinage, calendar year 1921 - Gold - | | $ 10,570,000 |
| | - Silver - | 89,057,535 |
| | - Minor - | 1,155,310 |
| | Total - | $100,782,845 |
| Gold in circulation June 30, 1921 - - - - - - - - - | | $883,404,285 |
| Silver " " " " " - - - - - - - - | | $336,704 206 |
| Gold consumed in arts in U.S. calendar year 1920 - | | $ 82,215,087 |
| Silver " " " " " " " " " ozs. | | 27,974,521 |
| Gold " " " " " " " 1921 | | $ 50,674,270 |
| Silver " " " " " " " " ozs. | | 35,867,946 |
| Total monetary stock of gold in U.S. Dec.31,1921 - | | $3,656,988,551 |
| " " " " silver " " " | | $ 630,134,336 |

Data on gold and silver production of world and coinage of world will be available about December 1st, 1922.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 23, 1922.

Mr. Leopoldo Paradas,
Placido (Bernaza) No. 24,
Havana, Cuba.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 22, relative to the purchases of gold and silver by this Government you are advised that gold bullion is purchased at the New York Assay Office and the Mint of the United States at New Orleans. It is paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States after charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Gold known or suspected to be of Soviet origin is not received.

The Government is buying only that silver which can be shown to have been mined and refined in this country. No foreign silver is received at this time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 23, 1922.

Mr. H. H. Emery,
Editorial Department,
Century Dictionary,
353 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant you are advised that the Government is now coining silver dollars under the terms of the Pittman Act, dated April 23, 1918. The silver dollar coinage authorized by the Act of July, 1890, was completed in 1904. From that time until coinage was resumed in 1920 under the so-called Pittman Act, no silver dollars were manufactured.

No new edition of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World has been published, the last issue being dated 1913.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 23, 1922.

Dear Congressman Newton:

Replying to your letter of September 21 I have to advise you that the bill for the coinage of a memorial piece for President Hayes has not yet been passed.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

Hon. Walter H. Newton,
House of Representatives.

September 23, 1922.

Chief, Division of Loans and Currency,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

On April 22, 1922 this office forwarded to you a bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $90.00, covering 9 steel impressions of the Treasury Seal furnished your office April 8, 1922, the amount to be credited to the following appropriations:

| | |
|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922 | $67.50 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922 | 22.50 |
| | $90.00 |

To date no certificate of settlement covering this bill has been received. If the settlement of this bill could be expedited as much as possible it would be appreciated by this office as the funds are needed to pay bills incurred during the fiscal year 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 23, 1922.

Department of Agriculture,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the New York Assay Office, amount $16.00, covering cost of replacing two platinum crucibles # 2 and 3. Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the amount in question to the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York, 1923".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 25, 1922.

Department of Agriculture,
Bureau of Chemistry,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the New York Assay Office, amount $8.00, covering cost of remaking platinum dish # S-74. Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the amount in question to the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York, 1923".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 23, 1922.

Office, Commissioner of Internal Revenue,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

On August 11, 1922 a bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $293.55, covering cost of 500 bronze badges furnished was forwarded to your office for settlement, the amount to be credited to the following appropriations:

| | |
|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922 | $273.82 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922 | 19.73 |
| | $293.55 |

To date no certificate of settlement covering this bill has been received. If this settlement could be expedited as much as possible it would be appreciated by this office as the funds are needed to pay bills incurred during the fiscal year 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 23, 1922.

Office, Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find 4 vouchers of the Philadelphia Mint, total amount $300.50, covering cost of 30 2¢ stamped envelope embossing dies furnished. Receipts for the delivery of the dies are attached to the vouchers. Please cause settlement to be made crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

| | |
|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $255.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 45.50 |
| | $300.50 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1922.

Navy Department,
Bureau of Supplies and Accounts,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $114.65, covering cost of 5 gold expert team riflemen medals furnished. Receipt for the delivery of these medals is attached to the voucher. Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations:

| | |
|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $23.78 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 90.87 |
| | $114.65 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 25, 1922.

Pennsylvania Smelting Company
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Offer fifty nine thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted

Denver

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Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1922.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ...
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

September 25, 1922.

Comptroller of the Currency,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Will you kindly advise this office, for official use, of the cash holdings, segregated by classes, of banks of the United States other than National banks, on June 30, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 25, 1922.

Chief Coordinator,
General Supply Committee,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a list of machines on hand at the Mint in Denver, which it is desired to dispose of. The Superintendent of the Mint at Denver states that the machinery is all in first-class condition and has been little used.

The sale and removal of this machinery is urged for the reason that the space occupied by the same is now very much needed by the Mint for storage purposes. I would appreciate your advice as to whether or not the machinery is released for sale by the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 25, 1922.

St. Louis Smelting and Refining Works,
International Life Building,
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find copy of the Treasury Regulations governing sale of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act, also draft of an affidavit indicating the general lines along which your affidavit should be made to support sale to the United States of the silver mentioned in your letter of September 22, 1922. Any silver for which payment was made to the miners should be supported by the usual miner's affidavit, sample copy of which accompanies the regulations.

When properly supported by affidavits the silver in question will be accepted by the Director of the Mint under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Copy of this letter should accompany the affidavits in question.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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September 25, 1922.

Mr. Moye Norton,
711 American Bank Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 12 relative to the bronze button described by you, you are advised that this Bureau has no dies for a button answering the description. We are also advised by the Quartermaster Depot that they have no record of such a button having been made. We are inclined to think that it was a button issued in connection with special work, possible "Liberty Bonds" and used only on the Pacific Coast.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

September 25, 1922.

Chief, Card Division,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a list of books in the library of this Bureau, with the request that cards be prepared for the same. It is understood that the charge for the first copy of each card will be $0.048, and the charge for the second copy of each card will be $0.013, making the charge per book about $0.061, or a total of $27.45 for preparing cards for these books.

I am enclosing a voucher upon which I have to request that you render your account to this Bureau for the cards.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 26, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company
San Francisco, California

Offer eighty four thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted

Denver

Scobey

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—4728 The appropriation to which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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September 25, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones, Editor,
The Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Complying with your request of May 26, you are advised that there have been purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act to the close of business Saturday, September 23, 152,161,951 ounces of fine silver.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

September 25, 1922.

Asia Banking Corporation,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of June 27, 1922, you are advised that to the close of business Saturday, September 23, there were purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act, 132,161,951 ounces of fine silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 26, 1922.

Hon. Geo. T. Summerlin,
Charge' d'Affaires,
Embassy of the United States,
Mexico City, Mexico.

Dear Sir:

In conformity with request contained in your letter forwarding replies to the annual interrogatories of the Director of the Mint for 1921, there is forwarded herewith for the use and files of the Director of the Mint of Mexico, an additional copy of the interrogatory form for 1921.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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September 26, 1922.

Dr. Henry Nolte,
167 Ring Street,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 21 relative to the penny you have in your possession, you are advised that the coin was evidently altered after leaving the Mint as no such coin was ever issued.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 26, 1922.

Mr. Albert Overton,
Route 1, Box 10,
Alexander, Arkansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 16 you are advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the material you describe to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1922.

Guaranty Company of New York,
811 Fifteenth Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 22 you are advised that Department Circular No. 1 is issued quarterly. It is assumed that you desire the last issue and we are enclosing a copy of the Circular for July 1, 1922.

Respectfully,

F. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1922.

The Schulte Optical Co.,
108 N. State Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I am today forwarding the scrap gold received from you to the United States Assay Office at New York, with the request that the Superintendent of that institution communicate with you directly regarding the same, as there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government. In order to be acceptable to the Mints and Assay Offices deposits should approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 27, 1922.

Mr. James E. Fraser,
3 MacDougall Alley,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Fraser:

Have you had time to look up the qualifications of Mr. Bauman L. Belden, 1 Hamilton Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey?

We are anxious to fill the place of Curator at the Mint but will do nothing on it until we hear from you. I understand you were good enough to agree to make some inquiry before we made this appointment.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

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September 27, 1922.

Star Dental Laboratory.
230 E. Ohio Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 25 you are advised that gold deposits may be made at the United States Assay Office, New York. Deposits should approximate or exceed $100 in value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 27, 1922.

Miss Lucy M. Treadway,
Delvinta,
Lee County, Kentucky.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of September 22 I am unable to advise you as to the date of the piece you describe since it has been mutilated by puncture and has no particular value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 27, 1922.

Mr. Warrington Boker,
321 W. 41st Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 24 I am unable to advise you in regard to the denomination or value of the coin you describe. I would suggest that you consult a local coin dealer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 27, 1922.

General Accounting Office,

Treasury Department.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith proposals received from the successful bidders for furnishing supplies under contract to the United States Assay Office, New York during the fiscal year 1923. I am also returning the original contracts entered into by the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office with the firms submitting the bids enclosed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 27, 1922.

Balba Corporation of America,

Toledo, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 25 I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the pamphlet "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 20, 1922.

Doctor F. H. Sarface,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to advise that gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of August, 1922, were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

Unrefined domestic gold ~ 103,252.089 fine ounces
Unrefined domestic silver ~ 249,670.27 " "

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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September 26, 1922.

Hanover National Bank,
Nassau and Pine Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of September 25th addressed to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., has been referred to this office. In reply you are advised that the mint service has no use for Pittman Act silver except at the coinage mints and is therefore accepting refined domestic silver under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery only at the mints at Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco.

If you will forward silver mentioned in your letter of September 25th, accompanied by affidavits evidencing domestic production and reduction, together with a copy of this letter, it will be accepted and you will receive therefor the Pittman Act price of $1.00 per ounce.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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September 26, 1922.

Mr. D. C. Blair,
125 S. Lawn Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 18 relative to the value of a certain coin you have in your possession, I would suggest that you communicate with the American Numismatic Society, New York City.

Respectfully,

F E Zobey

Director of the Mint.

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September 28, 1922.

Mr. Wm. D. Hanford,
Unadilla Silo Company,
Unadilla, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of September 20 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The preparation of proof coins was discontinued several years ago. Collectors are able to obtain specimens of the regular issues of coins at face value by making application to the Treasurer of the United States for single pieces. The policy of the Department for the last year has been to refrain from paying out new coins in quantity, for the reason that there is a large stock of circulated coins now on hand in the mints and in the Treasury. Consequently no new coins have been paid out except for special reason, such as filling in a collection, or for the laying of a cornerstone, or some such remote reason.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 29, 1922.

C. F. Kelley.
Anaconda Copper Company.
New York, N.Y.

Will be in my office all day Monday

F. E. Scobey

Director of Mint

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
2—5783
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 29, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer five hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Denver

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Director

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

AL BUSINESS.
VERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125.
—5788

September 29, 1922.

General Accounting Office,

Treasury Department. Attention Mr. Zbinden

Gentlemen:

Referring to your inquiry over the telephone this morning I beg to state that Remington typewriter No. R.S. 82852 for which voucher is now before you, was forwarded to the United States Mint at San Francisco. Payment for this typewriter should be made from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 29, 1922.

Miss F. Hazelle Sheets,
Libertyville, Iowa.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of September 25 you are advised that the only publication issued by the Government dealing with the history of coins of the United States is the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa." This volume is for sale at $1.00, and may be obtained by making application to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. I regret that we have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co., Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of September 29 of 101,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1922.

Gimbel Brothers,
Broadway and Sixth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of September 28, No. 11333, with reference to Mr. Walter Albert who has applied to you for a position, has been forwarded to the United States Mint at Philadelphia where Mr. Albert was employed.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

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October 2, 1922.

Mr. Roe Simerly,
Simerly & Gray,
National Sanatorium, Tennessee.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the mineral forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah will make an examination for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined. Tests for any other substance than metals cannot be made by the Assay Office. About five pounds of the material should be forwarded should assay be desired.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

October 2, 1922.

Mrs. W. T. Mark,
Box 625,
Augusta, Kansas.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the dollar enclosed with your letter of September 25 and have to advise you that there are no gold dollars in the Treasury to be paid out.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

October 2, 1928.

Mr. Fred R. Jones, Editor,
The Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Complying with your request of May 26, you are advised that there have been purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act to the close of business Saturday, September 30, 1928, 132,905,951 ounces of fine silver.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

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October 2, 1922.

Asia Banking Corporation,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of June 27, 1922, you are advised that to the close of business Saturday, September 30, there were purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act 132,905,951 ounces of fine silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 2, 1922.

Mr. Harry B. Welsh,
399 Houston Street,
Washington, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning the specimen of ore forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that about five pounds of this material be sent to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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October 2, 1922.

Navy Department,
Bureau of Supplies and Accounts,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $80.00, covering 2,000 bronze clasps "West Indies" furnished. Receipt for the delivery of these clasps is attached to the voucher. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount to the following appropriations;

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|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922 | $60.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922 | 20.00 |
| | $80.00 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 2, 1928.

Mr. John T. Doyle,
Secretary, Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Doyle:

I beg to confirm telephone communication with you this day relative to the appointment of special guards at the Mint in Philadelphia and Assay Office in New York. It is understood from our conversation that you consent to the appointment, temporarily, of men selected as special guard subject to examination and the result of investigation to be carried on by the Secret Service in the individual cases.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 5, 1922.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one million five hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver

accepted Denver

Scobey

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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October 3, 1922.

Mr. F. N. Patterson,
P. O. Box 3182,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date relative to disposition of old coins in your possession I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, New York City.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

October 3, 1922.

The Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited,
Equitable Building,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 30 you are advised that to the close of business Saturday, September 30, 1922, there were purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act 152,905,951 ounces of fine silver.

Your name has been placed upon the list to receive this report weekly.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

October 4, 1922.

Mr. Herbert W. Walker,
Wooster, Ohio.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 2nd instant, your name is being placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the 1922 report of the Director of the Mint when it becomes available for issue about December 1st.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 4, 1922.

The Boyer Chemical Laboratory Co.,
940 North Clark Street.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., concerning non-settlement of your bill against this office, amount $1.40, covering 3 lqt. cans Beechwood Furniture Polish, your invoice No. 28897, the following letter written you on August 31, 1922, to which no answer has been received, is quoted;

> "Referring to your voucher against this office for 3 lqt. cans Beechwood Furniture Polish furnished @ .33½ each, your invoice #28897 and order #28135, dated July 12, 1922, it is noted that a charge of 38¢ for postage and insurance is included in the total of the bill. It is presumed that prices quoted in the General Supply Committee Schedule cover delivery charges. Unless this office receives information to the contrary, the charge for postage and insurance will be deducted and voucher approved for payment in the sum of $1.02."

This office is awaiting reply to the letter quoted above before approving bill for settlement.

Respectfully,

M MacReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 4, 1922.

Mr. H. H. Yawger,
Chairman of the Board of Governors,
American Numismatic Association,
Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 3, by direction of the Director I have to say we will be very glad to have the assistance of the American Numismatic Association in selecting the successor to the late Dr. Comparette. The Bureau has under consideration one person who is identified with the American Numismatic Association but no action has been taken looking to his appointment at this time, it having been decided to take some time in ascertaining the qualifications of applicants for this position in order to secure the services of a capable person. This Bureau fully appreciates the desirability of having the position filled by some one fully qualified to hold it, and is grateful for your interest in the matter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

October 4, 1922.

Mr. M. P. Johnson,
901 E. Patterson St.,
Alliance, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 30 I am unable to advise you in regard to the value of the old coins you describe. It may be if you address the American Numismatic Society, New York City, you will be able to obtain some information on that subject.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

October 4, 1922.

Mr. M. L. Beistle,
521 W. King Street,
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 2 you are advised that this Bureau compilation showing the coinage of half dollars by mints up to 1900. As of possible interest to you I would suggest the publication entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa." This volume may be obtained at $1.00 a copy from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Th. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

October 4, 1922.

Mr. H. F. Sullivan,

Upton, Kentucky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 28 I am unable to advise you in regard to the medal you describe. It may be possible to get some information by addressing the American Numismatic Society, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

October 4, 1922.

Mr. Joseph J. Sideman,
366 West 166 Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 30 you are advised that the Government has purchased approximately 133,000,000 ounces of fine silver under the provisions of the Pittman Act. A total of approximately 209,000,000 ounces will be required to replace the silver dollars melted. There therefore remains to be purchased about 76,000,000 ounces. It is estimated that about eighteen months will be required to complete the purchases under this act.

Respectfully,

W. MacReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 4, 1922.

Mr. S. S. Smith,
705 Chester Street,
Bristol, Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 2 you are advised that the Government does not handle gold in the form of ore. I would suggest that you communicate with some well known smelting company in regard to the disposal of the ore. For your assistance I would refer you to:-

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Respectfully,

W. M. Corbett,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 4, 1922.

Mrs. Judd Van Garder,
Pattersonville, N. Y.,
R. F. D. No. 1.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 29 I am unable to advise you in regard to the value of the old coins you describe. It may be if you address the American Numismatic Society, New York, you will be able to obtain some information on that subject.

Respectfully,

M. McBride

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 5, 1922.

Mr. Albert Van Wie Ingham,
52 Huntington Street,
New Brunswick, N. J.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 3rd instant, your name is being placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the 1922 report of the Director of the Mint when it becomes available for issue about December 1st.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 5, 1922.

M. Swift & Sons,
100 Love Lane,
Hartford, Conn.

Gentlemen;

In compliance with your request of the 4th instant, your name is being placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the 1922 report of the Director of the Mint when it becomes available for distribution about December 1st.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 5, 1922.

Dear Senator Reed:

Your letter of October 4 addressed to the Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department, requesting a copy of the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, has been referred to this Bureau. This volume is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at $1.00 a copy. I regret that we have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. David A. Reed,
United States Senate.

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October 5, 1922.

General Accounting Office,

Treasury Department.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith contract entered into by the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia with the Sun Company to furnish the Philadelphia Mint with cylinder oil for the fiscal year 1923. This contract has been duly approved by the Undersecretary.

I am also enclosing the bid submitted by the Sun Company for furnishing the oil in question.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

2 encs. Acting Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1922.

Librarian, Federal Reserve Bank,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Responding to your request of October 4 I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, and your name has been placed on the list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report which will be published about the latter part of November. I am also enclosing a copy of the coinage report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1922.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

October 6, 1922.

Memorandum for Mr. Wasgatt, Division of Loans and Currency:

I am enclosing herewith letter received this day from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in regard to nine steel dies for which you have before you an account. The letter is self-explanatory.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1922.

Mr. J. F. Stouder,
429 East Seventh St.,
Bloomington, Indiana.

Sir:

Responding to your request of October 3 I am enclosing a copy of the coinage laws of the United States.

Any owner of gold may take bullion to the coinage mints or the United States Assay Offices and in return will receive the exact equivalent of the pure gold content. If A takes to the United States Mint 20,000 ounces of gold 950 fine he is paid in return at the rate of $20.67 for gold 1000 fine or nine hundred and fifty-one thousandths of $20.67 per ounce. Assaying and melting charges for preparing the material for coinage purposes are imposed by the mints.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 5, 1923.

Morgan's,

Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of gold and silver scrap expressed by you to this Bureau. There is no place in Washington where such deposits are handled by the Government. The material has been forwarded to the United States Assay Office, New York, and the Superintendent of that institution requested to communicate with you in regard to the same.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1922.

Post Office Department,
Office, Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $120.20, covering 12 stamped envelope dies furnished. Receipt for the delivery of these dies is attached to the voucher. Please cause settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

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|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $102.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 18.20 |
| | $120.20 |

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1922.

Mr. Joseph Aikens,
R.F.D. No. 1, Box 30,
Rincon, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date you are advised that $20.67 per ounce is paid for pure gold entirely free from base metals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1922.

United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of October 6, of 103,000 ounces of silver is accepted, under the terms of the Pittman Act, for delivery to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 7, 1922.

General Accounting Office,

Treasury Department.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith contract entered into by the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., with the Lansdale Foundry Company to furnish his mint with iron castings for the current fiscal year. Attached to the contract is the proposal submitted by the Lansdale Foundry Company.

Respectfully,

2 enc. Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1922.

Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs,

War Department.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has on hand the following obverse Philippine dies:

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Philippine | 50 | Ctv. |
| 11 | " | 20 | " |
| 6 | " | 10 | " |
| 31 | " | 5 | " |
| 9 | " | 1 | " |

Will you please advise this Bureau if it would not be expedient to forward these dies to the Mint at Manila instead of holding them at the San Francisco Mint.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Neil

Director of the Mint.

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October 7, 1922.

Miss Ethel Frye,
90 N. Portage Path,
Akron, Ohio.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of October 4 you are advised that the United States Government never issued gold half dollars. Private parties issued so-called half dollar gold pieces but their issue was illegal and was suppressed. The Government pays no premium on any issue of gold coins.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly.

Acting Director of the Mint

October 7, 1922.

American Surety Company,
928 Equitable Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 4 relative to Mr. Samuel L. Davidson, helper at the United States Mint, Denver, you are advised that Mr. Davidson is still carried on the rolls of that institution but temporarily without pay.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1922.

Mr. George L. Boone,

David, Kentucky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 4 you are advised that the United States did not issue any silver dollars in 1920. Silver dollar coinage was resumed in 1921 after a lapse of seventeen years.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 9, 1922.

The Cowell & Hubbard Company,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 7 enclosing a copy of letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia returning the silver deposit made by you.

The Superintendents of all the mints are working under orders to make no silver purchases other than those which can be covered by the Pittman Act. This is done for the reason that the present stock of silver in the Treasury is quite redundant, and it will be some time before the Treasury Department will be in the market for any other than Pittman silver bullion. None of the mints at present are receiving deposits of old silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1922.

The Director of Sales,
The Quartermaster General's Office,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has requested authority over the telephone on Saturday, October 7, to ask to have reserved at the Quartermaster's Department, 21st Street and Oregon Avenue, Philadelphia, to be ordered through the supply officer at New York, 10,000 yards of grey blue line 10 ounce duck, construction 40 x 28 flat warp, S.P.D. No. E 13825. This canvas is another part of the same lot from which was purchased 10,000 yards a few weeks ago at 19 cents less 15% per yard, and it is understood that this canvas will be supplied at the same rate.

The Superintendent has requested this office to obtain a confirmation of this price from your office, and I would appreciate your courtesy in advising this office as soon as convenient.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1922.

Mr. W. P. Ortscheid,

Cassville, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 6 you are advised that assays of rolled plate will be made at the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, S.D. at a charge of $4.00. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1922.

Miss Susan Rummel,
924 East Third Street,
Bloomington, Illinois.

Dear Miss Rummel:

Replying to your letter of October 4, you are advised that if A took to the United States Mint 20,000 ounces of gold 950 fine he will receive in payment nine hundred and fifty-one thousandths of $20.67, as gold is paid for at the mints at the rate of $20.67 per ounce 1000 fine. A charge is made for fitting the material brought to the mint for coinage purposes. The charges vary in accordance with the condition of the bullion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 9, 1922.

American Smelters Securities Co.,
Selby Smelting Works,
444 California Street,
San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of September 29 requesting to be advised as to whether or not you can obtain proof gold at the Mint in Philadelphia, has been received.

The Mint at Philadelphia could at this time spare 50 ounces of proof gold, and the present capacity of the mint for manufacturing proof gold would permit them to sell about 25 ounces per month at the fixed price of $20.00 per fine ounce. The Superintendent reports that should your company decide to purchase proof gold from the Philadelphia Mint the order should be placed as far in advance of your needs as possible in order that the mint may have all the time possible to prepare the bullion. The capacity of the mint for making proof gold is somewhat limited and is not much in excess of the demands from the mints and assay offices. For that reason it is important that we should know approximately what quantity would be required by your company should you decide to have us furnish you with the proof gold.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1922.

Electric Heating Apparatus Co.,
18-34 Nesbitt Street,
Newark, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

On June 19, 1922 this office wrote you in reply to your letter of June 16, 1922, as follows;

" With reference to your letter of the 16th instant replying to letter of this office dated the 14th, please be advised that your certification of the form evidencing shipment of May 25, 1921 and loss of original Government bill of lading, is desired in order that the Express Company may have proper evidence to support its claim for payment of the express charges, in amount $3.25, and for no other purpose.

It is understood from your letter that the Express Company refunded the charges which you had paid at the time of delivery of shipment; and that at that time you delivered to them certain papers. If you delivered to them the original bill of lading the certificate which accompanied our letter of the 14th should not be signed by you, but the original Government bill of lading should be properly accomplished as the voucher to support Express Company's claim for payment.

Will you please return to us the enclosures which accompanied our letter of the 14th, after execution of the certificate of shipment, or, in case the certificate should not be executed, advise that the original Government bill of lading has been accomplished and delivered to the Express Company."

To date no reply to the above letter has been received. This office is in receipt of a letter from the American Railway Express Company as follows:

" Multiple Unit Electric Co. 136 Liberty St., N.Y.C. Re: Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C. May 25, 1921 - 1 bx. ? 105# Gov. B/L #47429.

We have before us your favor of June 29th, initialed "p", relative to our claim for transportation charges on the above quoted shipment.

We are very anxious to eliminate this old item from our accounts and would appreciate having you at this time, advise whether or not you are in receipt of any definite information concerning same."

Will you please advise what has been done in the matter? If no action has yet been taken, this office will appreciate your expediting it as much as possible that the American Railway Express Company claim may be settled.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1922.

Mr. R. H. Gunning,
517 Baker Street,
Bakersfield, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 2 you are advised that the Government has not called in any issue of coins, nor is there a premium paid on any coins. There are many of the Columbian half dollars now in circulation and collectors pay no premium upon them.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 12, 1922.

Bunker Hill Sullivan Company
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer eighty-four thousand ounces silver accepted for delivery Denver Mint under terms Pittman Act. Regret we cannot accept for San Francisco delivery.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1923.

AL BUSINESS.
VERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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Oct. 15, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
42 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of four hundred thousand ounces of silver is accepted for delivery to the Mint at Denver under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 14, 1922.

Mr. C. B. Porter,
Glennville, Ga.
R.F.D. 3 Box 2.

Sir.

Replying to your letter of September 29 you are advised that a visual examination of the stone forwarded by you would indicate that it has no value. I am returning the same under separate cover.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 14, 1922.

Mr. Frank Harvey Pettingell,
Vice President, Board of Directors,
Los Angeles Public Library.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 5, you are advised that the Act of May 12, 1920 authorized the coinage of three hundred thousand fifty cent pieces to be known as the Pilgrim Half Dollar, commemorating the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. The coin was designed by Cyrus E. Dallin, and portrays on the obverse the head of the typical Pilgrim, and on the reverse the ship Mayflower under full sail.

These coins are distributed by the National Shawmut Bank of Boston.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1922.

Mr. I. J. Perry,

Rice, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 6, you are advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the material you describe to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, whre an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals contained in the sample.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1922.

American Metal Company,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive bids until two o'clock, p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 1922 for the delivery of 40 tons of thin bridge electrolytic copper ingots for delivery to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, the price to include delivery at the Mint Building.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1922.

Comptroller,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In reply to your communication M-605 of October 11th, please be advised that affidavit in lieu of miner's affidavit, in form similar to that accompanying your letter, when properly executed and supported by miner's affidavits covering 266.25 ounces will qualify the amount of silver covered by same, namely, 7,252.16 ounces, for sale to the Director of the Mint under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1922.

Mr. W. H. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to advise that silver receipts of the mints during the month of September, 1922, were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

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|---|---|---|
| Unrefined domestic bullion - - | 244,110.12 | fine ounces |
| Unrefined foreign bullion - - | 79,391.66 | " " |
| Foreign silver coin - - | 36,212.72 | " " |

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 16, 1922.

Doctor F. H. Garrane,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to advise that gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of September, 1922, were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unrefined domestic gold | - | 89,561.134 fine ounces. |
| Unrefined domestic silver | - | 244,110.12 " " |

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 16, 1922.

Chief Coordinator,
General Supply Committee,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

On September 26 this office forwarded to you a list of machines on hand at the Mint in Denver which it is desired to dispose of. The Superintendent of the Mint is badly in need of storage space which is now being used by this useless machinery.

This Bureau will deeply appreciate any effort you may make to expedite the disposal of the machinery listed. Will you please advise what progress has been made in the case.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 15, 1923.

Professor H. S. Wildman,
Stanford University,
California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 10 relative to coins struck by the Government of the Confederate States, I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1887. We believe this to be the most satisfactory printed matter we have on the subject. Your attention is called to page seven of this report.

Respectfully,

Mary McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Department Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith contract entered into by the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, with the National District Telegraph Company. The contract has been duly approved by the Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Respectfully,

M McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 17, 1922.

General Electric Company,
Edison Lamp Works,
Harrison, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith an order from the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco for certain lamps which I will thank you to forward to that institution, together with account on the enclosed form of voucher. The Superintendent reports that his stock is low and urges prompt shipment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 17, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Department Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the letter from this Bureau dated August 31, 1922 together with the proposals enclosed with that letter which were left at this Bureau by a representative of your office with the request that you be furnished with the contracts of -

The Continental Oil Company
The Denver Towel Supply Co.
Western Iron Foundry Company.

Our records indicate that the above contracts were forwarded to your office under date of August 2, 1922. A representative of this Bureau called at your office and ascertained that the contracts in question are in your possession.

Respectfully,

M McRaeley

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1922.

Mr. James Jenkins,

Watertown, Florida.

Sir:

I am returning bronze medal received at this Bureau, without letter. We are at loss to know what disposition you desire made of this medal. We have no information in regard to the same, as it is not an official medal executed by any of the institutions of the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

M MacNeil

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 17, 1922.

Mr. Irving Underhill,
239 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of October 13 requesting permission to photograph the New York Stock Exchange building from the New York Assay Office building in Wall Street has been referred to the Superintendent of that institution. I would suggest that you confer directly with him.

Respectfully,

Wm McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

October 17, 1922.

Mr. Lawrence B. Greenwood,
The Bookerie,
Wiscasset, Maine.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 15 you are advised that the piece described by you is a so-called half dollar of private issue. Their issue was illegal and was suppressed.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1922.

Mr. Henry Chapman,
333 South Sixteenth Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 11, you are advised that early in the year the mints coined five cent pieces and one cent pieces in the minor denominations, and are now engaged in the coinage of one dollar silver pieces and twenty dollar gold pieces. These are the only denomination of coins that have been executed by the mints during the current calendar year. There is such a large stock of uncirculated coins in the Treasury at present that there would be no justification on the part of the Department to execute subsidiary coinage during this calendar year.

Although the Treasurer is not paying out new coins to the banks for circulation, there will be no difficulty in coin collectors obtaining specimens of the pieces now being made. The Department could not undertake to coin a limited number of pieces for the purpose of supplying collectors.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 17, 1922.

Bureau of Mines,
Interior Department,
Interior Building,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith letter of Mr. James M. McBride forwarded by you to this Bureau. You are advised that a careful search of our records indicates that the sheets referred to have not been received at the Mint Bureau.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 18, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining and Mining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Your offer October thirteenth one hundred five thousand ounces

Pittman silver accepted Denver

O'Reilly

Acting Director

CIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont., Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—5728
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 18, 1922.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Your offer forty tons thin bridge electrolytic copper small ingots at fourteen and five eighths cents per pound accepted for delivery Denver Mint.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.
2—5755

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

October 18, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Abstracts from your books of account of silver transactions have not been received in this office for any period subsequent to December 1921. When may we expect such returns to June 30, 1922, also please advise if we may expect to receive subsequent quarterly returns within a period of approximately sixty days after the close of each quarter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 18, 1922.

Mr. L. Becker, Chief,
Iron and Steel Division,
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 11, No. 32, addressed to the Director of the United States Geological Survey, copy of which has been referred to this office, will state that the estimate of world production of gold and silver will not be available for distribution until the annual report of the Director of the Mint is released about December 1st, when a copy will be mailed you for Mr. McQueen.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 18, 1922.

Mr. Joseph Aikens,

Rincon, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 16 you are advised that there is no place in Washington where gold bullion is received by the Government from the public. You are advised that the Government pays $20.67 an ounce for gold, but this is for gold 1000 fine. The Government does not purchase gold in any other form than that of bullion. It does not purchase gold ore. The price of $20.67 will be paid for gold after the value of the deposit has been determined by melt and assay and after all base metals have been eliminated. Gold is not purchased by avoirdupois weight but by troy weight. When gold bullion is sent to the mints or assay office it is melted for the purpose of determining its value, and charges are made for such treatment and are deducted from the value of the deposit.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 18, 1928.

National Exposition Company, Inc.,
Hotel McAlpin,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 17 you are advised that the "Statistical Abstract of the United States" is issued by the Department of Commerce.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1922.

Mr. M. S. Kendrick,
Department of Economics,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of October 13 addressed to the United States Geological Survey has been forwarded to this Bureau.

Under separate cover there has been forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1921. Your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming report for the fiscal year 1922 and calendar year 1921.

This Bureau does not make a report on the production of gold by months.

Respectfully,

D M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 18, 1922.

Mr. Samuel J. Glick,
240 North Boulevard,
Huntington, West Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 14, relative to striking a limited number of coins, you are advised that an act of Congress would be required to permit the coinage of such pieces. Without such authority the Department could take no action.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 18, 1922.

Mr. S. L. Seligman,
Manhattan Restaurant,
Northfork, West Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 16 you are advised that in the year 1875 the Government coined $265,598 in twenty cent silver pieces. The coinage of twenty cent pieces was continued from 1875 until 1878 inclusive when the issue of coins of that denomination was discontinued.

Respectfully,

M. McBilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 18, 1922.

Mr. Marcelino Buenavidez,
Abulug, Cagayan.
Philippine Islands.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 4, you are advised that in 1908 $98,760,020 in twenty dollar gold pieces were coined without the motto "In God We Trust". The Act of May, 1908 restored the motto and from July 1 of that year the coins bore the same. In view of the number of pieces coined without the motto they are not considered rare. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 18, 1922.

Mr. W. C. Linzy,
Oaky Streek. Alabama,
Route 1, Box 16.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the sample forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D. will make an assay at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined. About five pounds of material should be sent for test.

A visual examination of the enclosure would indicate nothing of value.

Respectfully,

M. McPadden

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Examination of your reports of silver transactions during the period January, 1920 to June, 1922, inclusive, forwarded with letter of October 11, 1922, shows that in its preparation certain features of the Pittman Act silver purchase regulations have apparently been overlooked. A copy of the regulations is enclosed herewith, check marks having been placed opposite paragraphs which have not been complied with.

In the absence of explanation to the contrary the inference seems justified that your receipts of domestic silver in January, 1920 have been stated as foreign silver; also that part of your January 1st inventory was domestic silver; no apportionment has been made of the silver sales prior to May 17, 1920 on the basis of percentages established by the receipts of foreign and domestic silver; the report is not sworn to as being a true abstract from your books of account.

It is noted that your sales of silver from January to April, inclusive, materially exceed the stock on hand January 1, 1920, and probably exceed your inventory as of January 17, 1920; such being the case, if you prefer to avoid determining your inventory as of January 17, in order that returns may be rendered in strict conformity with regulations, it will be satisfactory to this office if to your January 1, 1920 inventory you add the January receipts and deduct the resulting total from total of all sales during the period January to June 1920, inclusive, the remaining sales to be apportioned between domestic and foreign on the basis of percentages established by domestic and foreign receipts, January to June inclusive.

Since no sales of silver in excess of $1.00 an ounce are shown to have occured after June, 1920 and no operating losses are shown, it will not be necessary to render accounts by separate quarters between June 1920 and June 1922, but a separate statement should be prepared as of June 30, 1920, in order that the balance salable as domestic on that date may be determined, and returns by quarters will be expected in future, as soon as practicable after the close of each quarter. Please take steps to insure prompt compliance with this.

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With reference to smelters' and miners' affidavits forwarded with your letter of July 31, 1922, to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, covering 601,673.329 ounces, please be advised that the smelters' affidavits of the Douglas Reduction Works, 346,294.04 ounces, of the Calumet and Arizona Smelter, 87,516.10 ounces and 99,584.10 ounces, and of the Copper Queen Smelter, 471.91 ounces, are unsatisfactory and should be replaced by smelters' affidavits definitely linking up the miners' affidavits covered thereby with the smelter affidavit. No smelter affidavit of the United Verde Extension Smelter was found to cover item of Shea Mining Company's miners affidavit for 3,456.23 ounces.

Since there has been much delay in the rendition of reports to meet the Treasury requirements this office will not be in position to consider further tenders of silver from you until the returns are brought to a satisfactory basis.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1922.

Superintendent of Documents,
Government Printing Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of Treasury Department Circular 303, in reference to the printing act of 1895 (28 Stat. 611-612, sec. 67), I have to state that there is no accumulation in this Bureau of public documents not needed for official use which could be turned over to you for distribution or sale.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of 40 tons of thin bridge electrolytic copper, small ingots, for shipment in about two weeks to the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, at the rate of 14 5/8 cents per pound, is accepted, it being understood that the price includes all charges to the mint building.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1922.

Mr. Thomas Charlton,
2746 North 19th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of October 2, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau.

It is understood that the development and production of the device to which you refer was participated in by several employees of the Mint Service. In any case this Bureau is without justification or authority to favorably consider your claim.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 19, 1922.

Hon. P. E. Seobey,
care Seobey Fireproof Storage Company,
San Antonio, Texas.

Everything all right in Europe. Shall I continue to send you mail

M. H. O'Reilly

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
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2—6788

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 19, 1922.

Bureau of Internal Revenue,
Prohibition Unit,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Helena Assay Office, amount $52.87, covering 50% of the common expenses of the Assay Office and Prohibition Director occupying the same building, July 1, 1922 to September 30, 1922, paid by the Assay Office. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Helena, 1923".

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 19, 1922.

Mr. W. P. Robinson,
226 No. 12th St.,
Frederick, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your card of recent date you are advised that the gold and silver coins of the United States contain 900 parts precious metals and 100 parts copper. The five cent piece contains 75% copper and 25% nickel, and the one cent piece 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 19, 1922.

Mr. T. J. Barnes,
Perry High School,
Perry, Iowa.

Sir:

I have today taken pleasure in forwarding your letter to the Superintendent of the United States Mint, San Francisco, authorizing him to supply you upon application with a double eagle of the coinage of 1922.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 18, 1922.

Mr. Iyer Saidel,
404 Amoskeag Bank Building,
Manchester, New Hampshire.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 17, you are advised that the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota will make an assay of ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined. About five pounds of material should be forwarded.

There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 19, 1922.

Division of Mail and Files,

Treasury Department.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 18, you are advised that the rooms in this building occupied by the Mint Bureau are as follows:

166, 168, 180½, 182, 414 and 468.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 19, 1922.

Hon. Eliot Wadsworth,
Assistant Secretary.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 19 relative to the use of stationery by employees of this Bureau, I have the honor to state that the necessity for economy has been called to the attention of each member of the force of this Bureau. Supplies are now being carefully distributed, and considerable effort is being made to economize in every possible way in the use of stationery and desk supplies.

As the number of employees in this Bureau is very limited, the plan suggested covering the use of a card would not effect economies in the use of supplies. However, if it is determined to put this plan into effect the cards can be used by the members of this Bureau without loss of time.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1922.

Mr. W. U. Watson,
The Greenduck Metal Stamping Company,
Van Buren and Hoyne Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 18 you are advised that there are no two cent pieces in the Treasury and I am unable to say where they can be obtained.

Respectfully,

M. McPhail

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1922.

Mr. H. W. Malpass,
140 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 19 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, and your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the Report for 1922 which will be issued some time late in November.

Respectfully,

M. McRaelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1922.

Mr. A. V. Daily,
Assistant Manager, Foreign Department,
The Chase National Bank,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Responding to your request of October 18 I take pleasure in enclosing 3 copy of the pamphlet entitled, "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World." The supply of this publication at the disposal of this office is very limited as the pamphlet is out of print, and for that reason I am unable to forward the six copies you request.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Attention is invited to the wording of vendor's affidavits being filed by you in connection with sales of Pittman silver. The "payment" clause being used by you reads as follows: "payment for said silver was or will be made to the miners at the fixed price of $1.00 per ounce", etc. The prescribed form of affidavit for the payment clause reads: "settlement has been made for said silver with the miners * * * on the basis of $1.00 per ounce", etc.

Since only such silver as you can deliver miner's affidavits for is salable to the Government, and the miner's affidavits carry certificate that "settlement has been made," the purpose of changing the affidavit reading is not apparent and it is requested that future vendor's affidavits conform to the prescribed wording.

Respectfully,

M. McReely

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1922.

The P. & O. Banking Corporation, Ltd.,
Shanghai, China.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of September 11, addressed to the Mint at Philadelphia has been forwarded to this office for attention.

The Assayers of the United States Mints invariably condemn all gold ingots or melts for coinage which fall below 899.7 or go above 900.3, or which fail to show uniformity of fineness in the assays. It has been our experience that individual coins rarely show results above or below these arbitrary limits. It is the intent of this regulation to bring about the coinage of gold which shall be as nearly as possible 900 fine. The legal limit of tolerance of United States standard coin is 1/1000 above or below 900 fine.

Respectfully,

W. MacReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1922.

The Commonwealth Statistician,
"Rialto", Collins Street,
Melbourne, Australia.

Gentlemen:

In conformity with your request of September 14, 1922, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of the final estimate of this Bureau of the production of gold and silver in the United States and Philippine Islands during the calendar year 1921. No production is shown for Porto Rico.

Figures contained in the tables accompanying your request for prior years appear to be correct in so far as the ounces are concerned.

Respectfully,

Mary McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 21, 1922.

Guggenheim Brothers
120 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Your offer of sixteenth to furnish to Mint Denver twenty pound one inch bridge copper ingots at fourteen and five hundredths cents per pound respectfully declined a more advantageous bid having been received. Your offer of today cannot be considered.

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
3-4736
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 21, 1922.

American Smelting Refining Company
120 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Our acceptance your offer to supply Denver Mint forty tons electrolytic copper seventeen pound half inch bridge ingots at fourteen five eighths cents pound confirmed.

O'Reilly.

Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. Mint Bureau 1922.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2-6788

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

October 21, 1922.

Edison Lamp Works,
Harrison, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 19, relative to order for lamps placed by the San Francisco Mint, please be advised that the Mint desires bowl frosted lamps covering items 15140 and 15144.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

2—5738

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 21, 1922.

St. Joseph Lead Company,
60 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Your offer sixty-three thousand ounces silver accepted under terms Pittman Act for delivery to Mint Denver. Mailing copy regulations and affidavits.

O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1922.

2—5738

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

2—5738

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 23, 1922.

Electric Heating Apparatus Company,
18-34 Nesbitt Street,
Newark, New Jersey.

When may reply be expected to our letter tenth instant concerning express charges on shipment May twenty five nineteen twenty one

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

Cont. ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

2—5738

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 23, 1922.

Mr. V. S. Brown,

Mitty, Missouri.

Sir:

I am returning the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office Deadwood, S.D., where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 23, 1922.

Mr. E. Clarke Fowler,
Philadelphia News Bureau,
Independence Square, East,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 21 you are advised that the following amounts of silver have been purchased, and silver dollars have been coined during the months indicated.

| | Silver Purchases | Silver Dollar Coinage |
|---|---|---|
| July | 2,841,000 ozs. | $ 3,600,000 |
| August | 8,325,000 " | 9,670,000 |
| September | 4,377,445 " | 8,310,000 |
| October | 4,016,625 " | |

Respectfully,

Wm M Paul

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1922.

Mr. J. C. Carson,
c/o Hope Brothers,
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 19 you are advised that scrap gold is purchased in quantities valued at $100.00 or over. The deposit is paid for after the value is determined after melting and assaying, for which work charges are imposed. Charges are made for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The Superintendents are not required to accept deposits which do not amount in value to at least $100.00. The mints are not at this time purchasing scrap silver and platinum is never purchased by the mints.

Respectfully,

W. M. Roberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RITTEN:

Washington,

October 23, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer three hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted

Denver

O' Reilly

Acting Director

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BUSINESS.
NMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau. 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 23, 1922.

The Chelsea Savings Bank,
Norwich, Connecticut.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 21 you are advised that the mints have coined a limited number of five and one cent pieces and are now coining silver dollars and $20.00 gold pieces. These are the only denominations of coins which will be issued during the calendar year 1922.

The Treasury has on hand at the present time a large quantity of circulated coin which is ready for redistribution. It has adopted the policy of paying out no new coins until the used coins now on hand are returned to circulation. This policy has been consistently followed throughout the year and no shipments of new coins have been made to any of the banks of the country. The only new coins paid out were those sent in single pieces to collectors, or for laying of cornerstones, or for some special occasion.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1922.

American Bureau of Metal Statistics,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of October 20th, concerning silver production statistics of Mexico, will state that figures published in the annual reports of the Director of the Mint for the years 1912 to 1917, inclusive, were estimates based upon the best obtainable data at the time the estimates were made. No official figures were obtainable from the Mexican Government for those years. The figures used by this office for the calendar years 1918, 1919, and 1920 were from official reports received through our usual interrogatories handled by the Diplomatic offices of the United States in Mexico.

This office will be pleased to quote the Mexican Government figures for silver production during the years 1912 to 1917, inclusive, in the forthcoming report of the Director of the Mint, crediting the American Bureau of Metal Statistics as the source of the information, if this will be agreeable to you.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 23, 1922.

Mr. Henry Chapman,
1333 South Sixteenth Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Your letter of October 18 addressed to the President has been referred to this office for attention. This Bureau appreciates the interest you are taking in the matter of numismatics and your desire to have preserved a uniform collection of the coins of this country, but it is not in our power to take any action which will result in the coinage of a limited number of new coins for collection purposes. Regretting that we cannot make a more favorable reply, I am,

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 23, 1922.

Mr. L. F. Tark,
74 Courtlandt Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 18 you are advised that I have today forwarded your letter to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for reply.

Respectfully,

M. M. Roberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 23, 1922.

Mr. John P. McKnight,
The Graham Clothing Co.,
Auburn, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 18 you are advised that the coinage mints of the United States are located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. All three of these mints manufacture gold, silver, nickel and bronze coins, although at present are engaged in the coinage of $20.00 gold pieces and silver dollars only.

Respectfully,

F. M. Kirby

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 21, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant relative to silver transaction record forwarded to this office October 11th, would suggest possible lack of understanding of the significance of paragraph 5 of the regulations governing purchases of Pittman silver, which paragraph seems to have been entirely overlooked in the preparation of your returns.

One of the considerations in the drafting of paragraph 5 was that of providing basis for establishing the quantity of domestic silver held by reduction works, handling mixed foreign and domestic silver, as being properly salable to the United States at the approximate time that the market price went below $1.00 per ounce. It was not considered equitable to assume that all sales of silver in excess of $1.00 per ounce prior or subsequent to the taking effect of the Pittman Act price should be considered to have consisted only of foreign silver, and that all the domestic silver had been held for an indefinite prior period for sale to the Government when the open market price dropped below $1.00; therefore it was provided that all sales of refined mixed silver prior to May 15, 1920, and all sales of refined mixed silver after that date at a price exceeding $1.00 per ounce, should be apportioned between domestic and foreign silver for the purposes of settlement on account of silver purchased by the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act. The equity of this arrangement will be apparent to you. On this basis the quantity of silver salable by you to the Government on June 30, 1920, was materially less than the quantity, some 758,000 ounces, found by deducting the domestic silver reported on your return as having been sold to that date from the quantity shown to have been received to that date. It will thus be noted that it may have been entirely practicable to procure miners affidavits as to domestic production for certain silver which the Government was not prepared to purchase from you. In this connection please advise the Bureau as to the method by which you determined, as per your letter of the 19th instant, that the first silver received by you under the Pittman Act was in February, 1920, and that all of your sales made prior to June 1st were on the foreign basis.

The procedure of other vendors of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act, whose sales of silver January 15 to May 15, 1920 were at least equivalent to the amount of their inventories on January 15, 1920, has been to determine from the books of record and knowledge of sources of silver the quantities received subsequent to January 15, 1920, classified as between domestic and foreign, and to determine the percentage of each contained in the total to May 15 (or June 30), 1920. After deducting from the total sales between January 15 and May 15 (or June 30), 1920 the amount of the inventory of January 15, 1920, the percentages as above determined were applied to the remaining sales and the resulting quantities deducted from the receipts (corresponding classifications) between January 15 and May 15 (or June 30), 1920, to determine the amount remaining as salable to the Government in accordance with the Pittman silver purchase regulations. The simpler method suggested by this office in letter of the 16th instant was due to the conditions surrounding your transactions, which permit equitable determination of your position thereby; however, if you prefer to follow the method called for by the regulations we will be glad to receive your return on that basis at an early date.

Regarding the smelter affidavits, please refer to the forms of affidavits prescribed in the regulations and note that it was contemplated that the smelter affidavits should cover specific lots of material, (identified therein by references) received from the miners. Smelters affidavits mentioned in Bureau letter of the 16th instant are very general in their terms and, while matching the miners affidavits in quantity, are not definitely linked up with the specific lots of miners material, as evidenced by the following quotation from one of the affidavits in question: " * * * * that the said Douglas Reduction Works had in its possession on January 17, 1920 silver bearing material containing 346,294.04 fine ounces of returnable silver, more or less, said silver being contained in, or produced from, ores mined, to the best of his knowledge and belief, within the borders of the United States of America, and received at said Douglas Reduction Works prior to January 17, 1920." It is requested that smelter affidavits carrying specific reference to the miners affidavits covered thereby be furnished.

Concerning the United Verde Extension Company's smelter affidavit - this, of course, should have been supplied at the time the miner's affidavit was submitted. However, credit for the miner's affidavit will be allowed upon receipt of proper smelter affidavit.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 24, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,
San Francisco, California.

Offer ninety thousand ounces Pittman Silver accepted San Francisco

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

2—5728 The appropriation upon which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

October 24, 1922.

General Supply Committee,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The United States Mint at San Francisco has requested that they be furnished 1,500 G.S.C. Form 10, Open Market Purchase Report. The mint is urgently in need of these forms and has requested this Bureau to expedite shipment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1922.

R. S. & J. D. Patterson Co.,

Port Huron, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 18 relative to scrap gold and silver, you are advised that the Government purchases scrap gold in quantities approximating or exceeding $100 in value. No silver is purchased other than that meeting the requirements of the Pittman Act, which provides that tenders of silver to the Government must be accompanied by affidavits declaring the same to be the product of mines situated in the United States and of reduction works so located.

Respectfully,

W. M. Wright

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1922.

The Director,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of October 18 relative to tests of tool steels and samples forwarded to the Bureau of Standards by the Mint at Philadelphia was forwarded to that institution. I am enclosing the reply of the Philadelphia Mint, dated October 23, and trust this clears up the situation as to the purpose for which the tests were requested.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1922.

Mr. Samuel Trotsky,
111½ Blossom Street,
Lynn, Massachusetts.

Sir:

I am returning the gold scrap enclosed with your note of recent date and have to advise you that the Government purchases only such gold scrap as approximates or exceeds $100.00 in value. The mints do not undertake to strike single coins from small deposits.

Respectfully,

W. M. Rachelle

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1922.

Anaconda Copper Mining Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of September 26th, am returning herewith cancelled miners affidavit of the Utah Metal and Tunnel Company, for a total of 22,682.40 ounces silver, for destruction by the maker. This affidavit has been replaced by a corrected one for a total of 29,207.48 ounces.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.

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October 24, 1922.

Chief, Card Division,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith returned is your voucher against this office for cards furnished. Please indicate on the face thereof the appropriation to which credit of the amount is desired.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find miner's affidavits supporting purchases of silver under the Pittman Act, from the United Metals Selling Company, totaling 513,510.22 ounces and pertaining to the accounts of the United States Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ended June 30, 1922. Also please find miner's affidavits supporting similar purchases from the American Smelting & Refining Company to a total of 63,188 ounces, being part of a lot of 1,499,600 ounces pertaining to the Philadelphia Mint accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1922. It is requested that the affidavits be filed as above indicated.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.

October 24, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Department Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your communication T-KR of October 23rd relative to claim T-690, addressed to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint through this office, beg to advise as follows:

Muffles for assay furnaces are in the nature of supplies, which must be kept on hand for use at a moments notice for replacing those which wear out at frequent intervals.

The officers in charge of mint service institutions have standing authority for the purchase of supplies required in their ordinary operations, no special authority being required in cases of this kind. Experience has shown that the muffles of the American Gas Furnace Company are required for use in the furnaces manufactured by this company, which furnaces are used by the Mint Service. Experience has also shown that no advantage is gained in requesting various dealers to submit proposals for furnishing same since these dealers must go to the manufacturer for them and the manufacturer's own agent is in position to offer as good or better terms than other dealers. Reference is made to letter of June 25, 1918, wherein this office advised the Auditor for the Treasury Department in connection with purchases at the San Francisco Mint, that dealers are indifferent in many cases to making sales to the Mint, written requests for bids frequently being ignored.

Mint Service institutions have instructions to obtain competition in all cases where same is practicable and to accept the proposals most advantageous to the Government. Experience has shown that these instructions are carried out. This office is not aware of any authoratative requirement that each individual voucher must be supported by separate written authority for purchase, copy of proposal, acceptance, etc., where conditions are such that competition is not obtainable and the interests of the Government are conserved by other methods as disclosed by information on the vouchers.

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The claim under consideration covers an ordinary purchase, payment not having been made by the usual disbursing officer because satisfactory delivery, etc., was not complete until the disbursing officer's cash balance under the appropriation chargeable had been covered back into the Treasury.

In view of all the circumstances surrounding the purchase of the muffles in question (and other similar transactions), before forwarding your communication to the San Francisco Mint this office would be pleased to receive more specific information as to the supporting data required by the General Accounting Office (in addition to that disclosed by the claim with its approvals) for expenditure vouchers of the kind under consideration.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 25, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one million five hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Denver.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....

2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

October 25, 1922.

To the
Research Corporation,
31 West 43rd Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your contract for the installation of a dust collecting and ventilating apparatus in the United States Assay Office Building, New York, N. Y., you are advised that your proposal dated October 23rd, 1922, to make certain changes in the work without additional expense is accepted.

Herewith are two copies of your drawing S. K - 566 -B illustrating said changes with the approval of the Supervising Architect and the Acting Director of the Mint thereon. You are requested to keep one copy on your files and hand the other copy to the Superintendent of the Assay Office for his guidance.

Respectfully,

W. M. Woodin

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1922.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 30, 1920, I have the honor to submit the monthly estimate of the value of the silver content of the following coins:

| | |
|---|---|
| Mexican dollar..... | $0.5095 |
| British & Hongkong dollar..... | .5056 |
| Yuan dollar..... | .5277 |

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1922.

Mr. W. K. Hobbs, Cashier,
Bank of Hammond.
Hammond, Missouri.

Sir:

I am returning the metal forwarded with your letter of October 18 and have to advise you that there is no indication of silver in the same. While this mass has not been assayed, as there is no place in Washington where such work is done for the public, it has failed to respond to a few simple tests for silver.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1933.

Mr. A. M. Brown,
1382 New York Ave., N.E.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 24 you are advised that all silver and gold certificates have silver and gold in the Treasury back of them. Silver is in the form of coin and gold is in the form of bullion or coin. The Act of March, 1911 provides that a limited number of gold certificates may be issued against gold bullion.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1922.

The First National Bank,

Nogales, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of October 20 relative to silver coins from the Federal Reserve Branch at El Paso has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

[redacted]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 26, 1922.

Mr. Wm. S. MacSwain,
Operative in Charge,
P. O. Lock Box 577,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 28 reached this office some time ago. Mr. Scobey is out of the city.

The medal of the President can be obtained from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia at $1.00 plus cost of postage. If you will address the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia there will be no difficulty in obtaining a copy of this medal. Your letter will be called to Mr. Scobey's attention upon his return to his desk.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1922.

Mr. J. C. Henne,
Fourth & Gay Sts.,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 18. Mr. Scobey is out of the city.

The medal of the President can be obtained from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia at $1.00 plus cost of postage. If you will address the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia there will be no difficulty in obtaining a copy of this medal. Your letter will be called to Mr. Scobey's attention upon his return to his desk.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1922.

Mr. Charles Verron,

Whitney, Michigan.

Sir:

I am returning the sand enclosed with your note of October 21 and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of this material are made by the Government for the public. The sand probably contains pyrites which has a very small commercial value.

Respectfully.

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1922.

Mr. Fred J. Pierce,

Winthrop, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 25 you are advised I have taken pleasure in causing your name to be placed on the list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922 as soon as it is issued.

I regret to advise you that our supply of reports for the fiscal year 1920 is entirely exhausted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 26, 1922.

Driver-Harris Company,

Harrison, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of September 6, 1922 relative to cast nichrome muffles, I am enclosing a drawing of the casting required by this Bureau and have to request that you submit a quotation on the same.

The walls and roof of this casting are to be of the same thickness as those in the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 27, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Company,

120 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Your offer million ounces silver accepted for delivery Mint San Francisco, under terms Pittman Act.

Scobey

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE IRI TEN:

Washington,

October 27, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer forty-three thousand punces silver accepted for delivery San Francisco under terms Pittman Act.

Scobey

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1922.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 27, 1922.

Dear Congressman Vare:

Replying to your letter of October 27 relative to the reinstatement of Robert Morrow to his position in the Philadelphia Mint, I take pleasure in advising you that the reinstatement has been approved and the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia notified of the approval.

Very truly yours,

F E Kolley

Director of the Mint.

OR

Honorable William S. Vare,
House of Representatives.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 28, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining and Mining Company
120 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Offer one hundred eight thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted

Denver

Scobey
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau. 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 28, 1922.

Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

During the latter part of the month of August a shipment of weights was made from your office via the American Railway Express Co. to the Assay Office at New York on Government bill of lading #456105. The Express Company states that the original bill of lading cannot be located therefore it is requested, in order to properly support their claim, that the enclosed certificate of shipment be executed and returned to this office.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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October 28, 1922.

Mr. D. C. Murphy,
Globe Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 24 you are advised that the coin you describe is known as a "merchant's token." These pieces were issued in great quantities by firms at two periods since the nation began to coin money, 1837 and 1863. The dearth of small coins at these two periods is ascribed as the reason for their appearance. These pieces have no value.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

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October 28, 1922.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
Reference Library,
15 Nassau Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I have your card of October 24 requesting two copies of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the World." This pamphlet is now out of print and we are unable to supply you with further copies for the library. The stock on hand at this Bureau is extremely limited at this time and I regret that we cannot furnish any further copies to you. There has been no new edition of this pamphlet since 1916.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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October 28, 1922.

Mr. Hugo Presto,
148 So. Elliott,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 24 in which you request copy of pamphlet No. 2799. I regret that this pamphlet is now out of print and it is not possible for us to respond to your request.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

October 28, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
(Mr. Jesse Seaman),
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter of October 27 in regard to the discrepancy between values in sweeps purchased by you from the Assay Office at New York. I expect to be in New York within a few days and hope to have this matter adjusted during my visit at the Assay Office when it is hoped a satisfactory conference can be held with your representative and the Superintendent when this matter may be finally adjusted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

DR.

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October 28, 1922.

Dear Congressman McKenzie:

Reference is made to your letter of October 23 in which you request information in regard to the publication entitled "Coin Book". This Bureau has no knowledge of this publication. It was not issued by the Government, and I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you in the matter.

Very truly yours,

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Director of the Mint.

Hon. John C. McKenzie,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

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October 28, 1922.

Mr. Henry Chapman,
333 South Sixteenth Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Upon my return to my desk my attention has been called to the correspondence with you in regard to the issue of coins of all denominations for the current calendar year. The demand for subsidiary coinage is not a general one, and the Department would not be justified in undertaking to issue a limited number of coins not required for the good of the general public.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 30, 1922.

Bunker Hill Sullivan Company
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer forty-five thousand ounces silver accepted delivery San Francisco under Pittman Act.

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Director Mint.

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1923.

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OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 30, 1922.

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis,

St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 27 you are advised that the Treasurer of the United States has charge of the redemption of coins, and I have forwarded the mutilated coins enclosed by you to that officer.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

BTP

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October 30, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of October 27th, it is requested that affidavit be furnished to cover the information contained in paragraph immediately following the introduction of the above mentioned letter.

Concerning the next to last paragraph of said letter, with compilation immediately preceding same, please note that the item of 210,645.62 ounces represents the quantity of silver sold which is chargeable as domestic rather than the amount salable as domestic; such being the case this amount is a proper substitute for the item 187,090.76 ounces of domestic silver reported as sold to June 30, 1920. Please carry the difference between these two items, 23,554.86, as a separate item, with explanation, on your return to be rendered for the July - September, 1922, quarter, the effect thereof being to reduce the amount remaining as subsequently salable to the Government.

It is understood that the affidavit dated October 20, 1922, which accompanied your letter of October 19, 1922, pertains to the silver transaction record forwarded with your letter of October 11, 1922, and the affidavit has therefore been placed with such record as supporting same.

With the understanding that the above amendments to your returns will be carried into effect and that smelters affidavits as previously requested will be furnished as soon as practicable this office will now be in position to consider further tenders of silver by you for purchase by the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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October 30, 1922.

Bunker Hill Smelter,
Kellogg, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Will you please refer to your letter of August 26th replying to one of this office dated August 22nd concerning mint purchases of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Your advice at that time was that our letter was being referred to your San Francisco office and that upon receipt of their reply full information would be furnished.

Will you please advise when we may expect further information concerning the matter in question.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1922.

American Railway Express Co.,
526 Market Street,
Newark, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of Oct. 9th concerning your claim for transportation charges on one box, 105 pounds, May 25, 1921 on Government bill of lading #47429, please be advised that delay in reply to same was due to our inability to obtain the needed information. On Oct. 10th this office wrote the Electric Heating Apparatus Company, 18-34 Nesbitt St., Newark, N. J., as follows;

" On June 19, 1922 this office wrote you in reply to your letter of June 16, 1922, as follows:

" With reference to your letter of the 16th inst. replying to letter of this office dated the 14th, please be advised that your certification of the form evidencing shipment of May 25, 1921 and loss of original Government bill of lading, is desired in order that the Express Company may have proper evidence to support its claim for payment of the express charges, in amount $3.23, and for no other purpose.

It is understood from your letter that the Express Company refunded the charges which you had paid at the time of delivery of shipment, and that at that time you delivered to them certain papers. If you delivered to them the original bill of lading the certificate which accompanied our letter of the 14th should not be signed by you, but the original Government bill of lading should be properly accomplished as the voucher to support the Express Company's claim for payment.

Will you please return to us the enclosures which accompanied our letter of the 14th, after execution of the certificate of shipment, or, in case the certificate should not be executed, advise that the original Government bill of lading has been accomplished and delivered to the Express Company'

To date no reply to the above letter has been received. This office is in receipt of a letter from the American Railway Express Company as follows;

' Multiple Unit Electric Co. 156 Liberty St., N.Y.C. Fr: Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C. May 25, 1921 - 1 box. 105# Gov. B/L #47429.

We have before us your favor of June 29th, initialed "F", relative to our claim for transportation charges on the above quoted shipment.

We are very anxious to eliminate this old item from our accounts and would appreciate having you at this time advise whether or not you are in receipt of any definite information concerning same.'

Will you please advise what has been done in the matter? If no action has been taken, this office will appreciate your expediting it as much as possible that the American Railway Express Company claim may be settled."

and on October 23rd the following telegram was sent;

"When may reply be expected to our letter tenth instant concerning express charges on shipment May twenty five nineteen twenty one."

To date no reply has been made to our inquiries. In view of this further effort by this office would appear futile; there-fore it is suggested that you have your local agent take the matter up personally with the Electric Heating Apparatus Company.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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October 31, 1922.

Mrs. Florence Riddick Boys,
Woman's Publicity Editor for the
Republican National Committee,
Munsey Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Boys:

In response to your letter of October 30 I am forwarding a report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, the last issued.

I note your reference to "History of Money" and "Synopsis of the Mint". I am unable to supply you with any work of this kind as nothing more than the Report of the Director of the Mint is published on this subject.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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October 31, 1922.

The Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited,
Equitable Building,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your request of October 28 I take pleasure in giving below the silver purchases, by months, under the terms of the Pittman Act, for the current calendar year:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| January | 2,532,000 | ounces |
| February | 3,444,740 | " |
| March | 5,370,980 | " |
| April | 8,117,748 | " |
| May | 4,122,400 | " |
| June | 5,204,750 | " |
| July | 2,841,000 | " |
| August | 8,325,000 | " |
| September | 4,377,445 | " |
| October | 7,105,625 | " |
| T O T A L | 51,441,688 | " |

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1922.

Mrs. Rosa Flatter,
Box 157,
Spiceland, Indiana.

Madam:

I am returning the sand enclosed with your letter of October 27 and have to advise that a visual examination of the same would indicate that it contains no gold. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 31, 1922.

Mr. Stanley Walker,

Garfield, Arkansas.

Sir:

I am returning the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1922.

Bureau of Standards,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Assay Office at New York, amount $72.00, covering cost of manufacturing 12 platinum crucibles and covers for your office. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, tcrediting the amount in question to the appropriation, "Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York, 1923".

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

November 1, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of October 30 of 91,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1922.

Mr. Thomas R. Taylor, Assistant Director,
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce.

Reference 39

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 30 in respect to a cable received from Consul Graham H. Kemper relative to coinage desired by the Bulgarian Government. In reply I have to advise you that the mints of the United States could not undertake this coinage as they are not equipped to handle coins which are manufactured from an allow of copper, zinc and aluminium.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1922.

Mr. Everett Spring,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce.

Sir:

Responding to your request of October 31 I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921.

During the calendar year 1921 54,431,000 one cent pieces were coined, and during the current calendar year to date there have been coined 7,160,000 one cent pieces. No more coins of the one cent denomination will be manufactured during the balance of this calendar year.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

November 1, 1922.

Mr. M. A. Connors,
245 S. Los Angeles St.,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 27 you are advised that Congress authorized the issue of $50.00 gold pieces at the time of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in 1915. The coins have face falue, but it is understood they were sold at a premium, the Panama-Pacific Exposition having sold them for $100.00. I am unable to advise you where you may obtain a specimen of these coins.

Respectfully,

F. E. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1922.

Mr. Guiseppe Donato,
716 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 23 you are advised that the Department at this time is not contemplating any change in the designs of the coins and is not likely to require the services of a sculptor for this purpose for some time to come. As you know the law provides that no change shall be made in the design of coins oftener than once in twenty five years, except by Act of Congress. The designs of all current coins have been changed within a few years.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1922.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
1 Hamilton Avenue,
Cranford, N.J.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Last July Mr. Comparette, Curator of the Mint at Philadelphia, died. Since that time this position has been vacant. I am anxious to fill it through the appointment of an experienced numismatist, and you have been recommended to me as a person capable of filling this position. I am writing to ask if you would consider an appointment as Curator of the Mint at Philadelphia at a salary of $1800 per annum, plus a bonus of $240, making the per annum compensation $2040. You are, no doubt, aware of the nature of the work and the importance of the collection in charge of whoever is Curator of the Philadelphia Mint. As you know at this point is held the largest and most valuable numismatic collection owned by the Government. You are also doubtless aware of the necessity of having the position filled by some one experienced and entirely trustworthy, and I shall appreciate very much if you will advise me by writing whether or not you would consider the position. I will have to ask that you consider this letter not as an offer of the position, but merely as placing the subject before you for consideration and discussion. Should you decide to consider it favorably I would like very much to arrange a personal interview with you at the Mint in Philadelphia. I will be able to tell you of my plans in regard to visiting the mint upon receiving a reply from you to this letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 2, 1922.

United Metals Selling Co.,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer three hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Denver

Scobey

Director

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—8788

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125.

November 24, 1922.

Mr. E. E. Stotesbury,
251 Carey Street,
Hampton, Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your card of October 30 you are advised that the mints do not purchase gold in the form of ore. Gold bullion is purchased in quantities approximating or exceeding $100.00 in value and is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 2, 1922.

Mr. Joseph Briggs,
General Delivery,
Portsmouth, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 28 you are advised that the following amount of ten cent pieces and five cent pieces were coined in 1894 and 1913:

Ten Cent Pieces ..... 1894 .... $ 205,099.60
Five Cent Pieces..... 1913 .... 3,682,961.25

Coins are not segregated by the Department with respect to date of coinage and we will, therefore, be unable to furnish you with coins bearing the above dates.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1922.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $176.00, covering cost of 131 West Indies Medals, 131 West Indies Ship Bars, and 300 battle bars furnished. Receipt for the delivery of these articles is attached to the voucher.

Please cause settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

| | |
|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $132.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 44.00 |
| | $176.00 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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OR

November 2, 1922.

Bureau of Supplies,
Treasury Department.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $290.00, covering cost of 10,000 coin bags furnished. Receipt for the delivery of the bags is attached to the voucher.

Please cause settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations:

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|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $ 58.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 232.00 |
| | $290.00 |

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

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November 3, 1919.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of November 3 of 75,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 4, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,

San Francisco, California.

Offer sixty thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

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Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—5738

November 4, 1922.

Office, Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $60.10, covering cost of 6 stamped envelope dies furnished. Receipt for the delivery of these dies is attached to the voucher. Please cause settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

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|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $51.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 9.10 |
| | $60.10 |

Respectfully,

E. E. Sharp

Director of the Mint.

November 4, 1922.

American Railway Express Company,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your card of November 2, 1922, your reference No. 34206, stating that you are holding at the On Hand Department, 2nd and H Sts., N.E., a box consigned to this Bureau. You are advised that this box was delivered to this office and refused, and it is requested that the same be returned to the shipper.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 4, 1922.

Mr. James Neeley,

White Star, Kentucky.

Sir:

Your letter of October 30 addressed to the Hon. J. M. Robsion, House of Representatives, has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention. This office is unable to advise you in regard to the impliment you term a "money comfort", as we have no knowledge of such a utensil. It may be you are referring to what is sometimes called a divining rod, supposed to be used to locate buried treasure. There is, however, no such instrument known to science.

Regretting that we cannot be of more definite assistance to you, I am,

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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November 6, 1922.

Mr. A. L. Carlson,
Statistics Department,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 3 I am enclosing a Circulation Statement giving the number of standard silver dollars together with their location. The Act of April 23, 1918 provides that silver dollars equivalent to the number melted and sold during the war shall be recoined. Standard silver dollars to the amount of 270,000,000 were melted under this act, and to date approximately 140,000,000 have been recoined. When the required number of standard silver dollars to replace those melted has been coined there will be no further authority for the coinage of silver dollars.

There is no fixed amount of coinage for each month. The bullion value of silver in a silver dollar at today's market rate is approximately 52.594 cents.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1922.

Consolidated Steel Corporation,
23 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 3 I take pleasure in enclosing the circular "Value of Foreign Coins", which is issued quarterly.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Divisions,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request T MR of November 6, 1922, in connection with claim T 890, I am enclosing herewith copy of standing authority for the purchase of supplies, which is contained in the Regulations for the Transaction of Business at the Mints and Assay Offices. These Regulations have the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury and are issued by the Director of the Mint. The section covering supplies may be found on pages 17 to 20 inclusive. The provisions as to supplies are similar to those carried in prior issues of the Regulations, copies of which are understood to be on file with your auditing clerks.

Section 3709 R.S., with which this office is familiar, has again been consulted since receipt of your letter of the 6th. It has always been our aim to fully comply with this law, as intimated in our letter of October 24 and as set forth in the Regulations.

Upon receipt of specific information from the General Accounting Office as to wherein accounts rendered by the Mint Service have not complied with legal requirements we will be pleased to make every effort to correct such deficiency.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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November 7, 1922.

American Zinc, Lead and Smelting Company,
Mascott, Tennessee.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your request of November 3, I take pleasure in forwarding the weekly purchases of silver under the Pittman Act since July 1, 1922.

| 1922 | | Fine Ounces |
|---|---|---|
| July 1 | . . . . . | 130,000 |
| Week Ending | | |
| July 8 | . . . . . | 1,838,000 |
| " 15 | . . . . . | 318,000 |
| " 22 | . . . . . | 200,000 |
| " 29 | . . . . . | 255,000 |
| Aug. 5 | . . . . . | 2,143,000 |
| " 12 | . . . . . | 1,299,000 |
| " 19 | . . . . . | 1,447,000 |
| " 26 | . . . . . | 1,555,000 |
| Sept. 2 | . . . . . | 2,281,000 |
| " 9 | . . . . . | 892,445 |
| " 16 | . . . . . | 2,345,000 |
| " 23 | . . . . . | 96,000 |
| " 30 | . . . . . | 744,000 |
| Oct. 7 | . . . . . | 3,364,625 |
| " 14 | . . . . . | 589,000 |
| " 21 | . . . . . | 63,000 |
| " 28 | . . . . . | 3,044,000 |
| Nov. 4 | . . . . . | 571,000 |
| | | 23,175,070 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 7, 1922.

Johnson, Matthey & Company, Inc.,
Woolworth Building,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 6 I have taken pleasure in causing your name to be placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 7, 1922.

Miss Ethel Frye,
90 N. Portage Path,
Akron, Ohio.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of November 2nd you are advised that there were no gold half dollars coined by the United States and no coins were made in 1492. I regret that I cannot be of assistance to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 7, 1922.

Mr. Coleman Frazier,

Plains, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 2 you are advised that your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922, which will be issued in about a month.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

OR

November 7, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Division.

Gentlemen:

Please file the enclosed Certificate of Shipment and Delivery with voucher #571 of the New York Assay Office June, 1922 accounts, as evidence supporting transportation charges made thereon.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1922.

Mourning & Company,
53 Vandiver Building,
Montgomery, Alabama.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 4 addressed to the Comptroller of the Currency and referred to this Bureau for reply, you are advised that the side of the coin bearing the date is the obverse or head of the coin. This is based on the fact that the regulations of the Department require that the obverse dies of the coins shall be destroyed at the end of each calendar year, and this means, of course, that new dies bearing the current date are manufactured.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1922.

Mr. Joseph Lewis,
1015 Preston Avenue,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the gold bar forwarded by you to the U.S. Mint, Washington. I have today sent this bar to the United States Assay Office, New York, as there is no place in Washington where the Government accepts such deposits. The Superintendent of the Assay Office has been requested to communicate directly with you with regard to this deposit.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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November 8, 1922.

Mr. Floyd Sigler,
Brush Prairie,
Star Route, Washington.

Sir:

I am returning the specimen of rock forwarded by you for assay and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that about five pounds of this material be sent to the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

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November 8, 1922.

Mr. Wm. Banfield,

Carter, Kentucky.

Sir:

I am returning the specimens of rock forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government for the public. A visual examination would indicate that nothing of value is contained in the samples, but should you desire an assay made the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D. will undertake the work at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

F. Leeb

Director of the Mint.

OR

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November 8, 1922.

Mr. Lem Bowles,
Route 2,
Paris, Arkansas.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the specimens of rock forwarded by you for assay. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. A visual examination of these samples would indicate that they contain nothing of value. Should you desire an assay made I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where the work will be done at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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November 8, 1922.

Mr. John Robbins,
R. R. No. 8,
Springfield, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 1st relative to the value of a one cent piece coined in 1845, you are advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you communicate with a coin dealer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 8, 1922.

Mr. Harry Stephen Keeler,
Editor, The Chicago Ledger,
500 N. Dearborn Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Responding to your request of November 6 I have taken pleasure in causing to be compiled a table giving the lowest value of the English pound for each year from 1912, and the month in which the lowest average was reached. These figures are the average for the monthly quotation.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1912 | December | 4.8505 |
| 1913 | November | 4.8528 |
| 1914 | February | 4.8577 |
| 1915 | October | 4.6751 |
| 1916 | December | 4.7551 |
| 1917 | December | 4.7516 |
| 1918 | October | 4.7492 |
| 1919 | December | 3.8102 |
| 1920 | February | 3.37398 |

Respectfully,

J E Peabody

Director of the Mint.

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November 8, 1922.

Dr. E. Vidal Vilaret,
16, Plaza Munaz Rivera,
Ponce, Porto Rico.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 27 you are advised that this Bureau has no record of a $5.00 coin being struck in 1844 made of platinum. The records show a pattern piece, however, which was made in 1814. Coins of this metal have never been issued by the Government. Any pieces in existence are merely experimental or pattern coins.

Respectfully,

F E Leeney

Director of the Mint.
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November 8, 1922.

Union Trust Company of New Jersey,
22nd Street and Broadway,
Bayonne, New Jersey.

Attention Foreign Department.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 6 I regret to advise you that the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" is out of print and we will not be able to furnish you with the copy you desire.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OK

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

November 9, 1922.

Mr. James Neeley,

White Star, Kentucky.

Sir:

I am enclosing my letter to you of November 4 and call your attention to the statement that there is no such instrument known to science as a "divining rod".

I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 9, 1922.

Mr. William Washington Harlan,
West Post Office,
West Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 9, 1922.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
1 Hamilton Avenue,
Cranford, N.J.

Dear Mr. Belden:

I have received your letter of November 6 with much pleasure and am writing to advise you that I expect to be at the Mint in Philadelphia Monday or Tuesday of next week and will advise you more definitely as to the hour we can arrange a meeting as soon as my plans are finally determined upon.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 9, 1922.

Mr. William T. Buxton,
The Midway Store,
Neosho, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 1, you are advised that many tokens and patterns which represent the likeness of Washington were issued before the establishment of the United States Mint. They were made in the cent and half-cent denominations. No regular issue of coins was ever made by the mints bearing the likeness of Washington.

Copper coins were struck in 1787, which by reason of certain expressions appearing on them earned for the coins the name "Franklin Cent," but Franklin probably had nothing to do with the designing of them.

The first national coinage was executed in March, 1793 in Philadelphia.

Production of gold "coins" of a private character in the West was very extensive and carried on by a large number of mining companies and banking establishments. These pieces ranged in value from $2.50 to $50.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 9, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of November 9 of 50,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 9, 1922.

American Metal Company,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer fifty thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia.

Scobey

Director

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
1—6726 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

November 9, 1922.

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department.

Dear Mr. Wetmore:

I have your letter of November 8 relative to vault space in the Denver Mint. I have carefully looked over the correspondence and would suggest that a bill be introduced to provide the necessary funds for the construction of this vault work at Denver. I have also to suggest that pending the passage of such an act temporary arrangements be made in the space about to be vacated by the removal of surplus equipment to safeguard the coin which must be stored in that space within two or three months, by placing in this space a temporary grill work of sufficient strength to secure the safety of the coin until proper vault space can be provided.

This Bureau will be glad to assist in every possible way to expedite the passage of the act requesting funds for the construction of this vault.

The papers forwarded with your letter of November 8 are returned.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

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November 10, 1922.

The Chief of the Card Division,
Library of Congress.

Sir:

I am returning your voucher against this office for cards furnished. Will you please attach the correspondence which accompanied the voucher when it was sent to your office on November 3rd as this will be required to support the voucher when sent to the General Accounting Office for settlement. An early return of the papers will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

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November 10, 1922.

Chief Coordinator,
General Supply Committee,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication I am enclosing a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia asking for authority to purchase certain lumber. It is understood from telephone communication that there is no stock of lumber on hand. However, this letter is being forwarded for formal clearance.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

Enclosure.

November 10, 1922.

Mr. Chas. W. Gardner,
Hammon Engineering Company,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I have your letter of November 4 enclosing a copy of letter received by you from Mr. Longley, Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office, Boise.

The Pittman Act provides that silver purchased under that act shall be delivered to one of the coinage mints located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco, or the United States Assay Office, New York. As the bill specifically names these four institutions this office is without authority to accept silver under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery at any other point.

If the metal is delivered to the Denver mint with the required supporting affidavits that it was mined and refined in the United States it will be received and paid for under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Mr. Longley is under a misapprehension when he states that up to the time the Pittman Act went into effect the Assay Office paid for silver $1.00 per ounce just as the mints did then and do still. The Assay Offices paid the market price for silver, just as they do now. This price, as you know, has been at times far above and far below $1.00. The silver contained in the gold deposits made at the minor assay offices cannot be received under the terms of the Pittman Act for the reasons above stated.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of the Pittman Act, together with copies of the regulations covering the receipt of bullion under this act.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1922.

Mr. Henry Chapman,
333 South Sixteenth Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Chapman:

Your letter of November 2, addressed to the President, has been forwarded to this Bureau.

The fact that your letter has been referred to this Bureau from the White House should not imply to you indifference on the part of the Executive in regard to the letter. It is customary to hold the respective departments responsible for a satisfactory contact with the public in matters concerning such Departments.

I have again considered carefully the suggestion that a limited number of subsidiary coins should be manufactured during the current calendar year in order to supply collectors, but I do not feel justified in causing the mints to manufacture coins for the purpose indicated.

Respectfully,

J. E. Zerbey

Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1922.

U. S. Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of 77,000 ounces of silver is accepted for delivery to the Mint at Denver under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1922.

Mr. C. L. Longley,
Assayer in Charge,
United States Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Longley:

I am enclosing a copy of letter forwarded today to the Hammon Engineering Company in response to a letter received from them under date of November 4. A copy of your letter of October 30 addressed to Mr. Chas. W. Gardner, Manager of the Mines Operating Department, which was enclosed in the letter from the Hammon Engineering Company, indicates that you are under some misapprehension in regard to the Pittman Act, and a copy of the letter sent the Hamman Engineering Company is enclosed for your information.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

November 10, 1922.

Mr. Allyn A. Young,
6 Hilliard Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 8 relative to the practice of receiving bullion at the assay offices, the differential charge of one-eighth of one per cent is not now imposed at the assay offices, and the so-called mints at New Orleans and Carson City receive bullion on the same terms as the other assay offices.

Respectfully,

F. Peale

Director of the Mint.

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November 11, 1922.

Miss Miriam Snedeker,
State Hospital, Wagner Hall,
Binghamton, New York.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of November 8 you are advised that the Confederate bill you refer to has no value other than as a curio, and I am unable to advise you where you can dispose of the same.

Respectfully,

F E Zobey

Director of the Mint.

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November 11, 1922.

Mr. S. S. Smith,
705 Chester Street,
Bristol, Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 8 I have to advise you that neither the mints or the assay offices purchase ore in the form of quartz or black sand, and I am unable to advise you where you can dispose of it. I would suggest that you address some of the well known smelters.

Respectfully,

F E Zoby

Director of the Mint.

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November 11, 1922.

Director, Bureau of Standards,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 12 I am enclosing correspondence received today from the Seattle office relative to weights which have been tested at the Bureau of Standards and which are now being returned to you for further test as to their constancy, in response to your suggestion.

Respectfully,

F E Zoble

Director of the Mint.

OR

November 11, 1922.

Tropical Trading Company,
1002 Whitney Bank Building,
New Orleans, La.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 9 requesting to be furnished with the names of concerns to whom you can apply for prices on copper bars or electrolytic copper, I beg to submit the following firms:

Clendenin Brothers, Baltimore, Maryland.
Anaconda Copper Company, 25 Broadway, New York
American Smelting & Refining Co., 120 Broadway, New York
Nichols Copper Company, 25 Broad St., New York
United Metals Selling Company, 25 Broadway, New York
U.S. Smelting Refining & Mining Co., 120 Broadway, New York
American Metal Company, 61 Broadway, New York

Respectfully,

F. E. Keeley

Director of the Mint.

November 13, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Division.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd inst., concerning claim # T-2172, voucher is herewith returned with letter received from the Library of Congress regarding method of computing discount thereon.

Our letter to the Library of Congress dated September 25, 1922, copy attached to voucher, is considered as the order for furnishing articles concerned. Date of delivery of service has been entered on face of voucher.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

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November 13, 1922.

Superintendent,
Bunker Hill Smelter,
Kellogg, Idaho.

Sir:

Your letter of November 7, 1922, leaves this office somewhat uncertain, with regard to your reports, concerning the item of 98,487 ounces silver received in July, 1920, at the San Francisco Mint from the Anglo & London-Paris National Bank and supported by miners' affidavits furnished by the Bunker Hill & Sullivan M. & C. Co. However, since your abstracts from books purport to include the balance of silver on hand January 1, 1920, with all subsequent receipts and sales, it is presumed that the silver above mentioned was reported by you as having been sold to the Crocker National Bank. If this is the case a statement similar to the following, carried on the face of the next abstract from books submitted by you, will be satisfactory to this office:

> Sales of silver to Crocker National Bank as reported on abstracts from books for the calendar year 1920 were later supported by miners' affidavits for sales in July, 1920 totaling 98,487 ounces to the San Francisco Mint by the Anglo & London-Paris National Bank.

If the transaction under consideration was not reported as above assumed further information in connection therewith is requested.

Since your abstracts carry no indication of sales of silver to the American Smelters Securities Company it is presumed that the affidavits furnished that company for silver shipped them from the Bunker Hill Mine covers silver not handled by the smelter. Please advise if this is correct.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

acting Director of the Mint.

November 13, 192[illegible].

Comptroller of the Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with request dated November 2, of the Deputy Comptroller, I have the pleasure of forwarding herewith corrected galley-proof of revised table of monetary stocks of principal countries of the world at the end of 1920 and preliminary compilation of the monetary stocks of the principal countries of the world at the end of year 1921.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 15, 1922.

Mr. J. Jennings,
1311 N. 10th Street,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 7 I have to advise you that this Bureau knows of no document issued by the Government which gives the names of all the metals.

Regretting we cannot be of service to you, I am,

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 13, 1922.

Mr. John Berry,
11 S. F St.,
Herington, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 9 you are advised that the coinage mints are located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. The Mints at New Orleans and Carson City are now used as assay offices. There is no mint located in Washington.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 13, 1922.

Mutual Dental Supply Company,
117 West Bay Street,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 11, you are advised that the United States Assay Office at New York accepts dental scrap in amounts approximating or exceeding $100 in value. Platinum is not purchased by the Government nor is any allowance made for platinum contained in deposits.

Respectfully,

M. H. Rolker

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 14, 1922.

Bauman L Belden
1 Hamilton Avenue
Cranford, New Jersey

Will be at Philadelphia Mint tomorrow at two Hope to meet you

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Day message

November 14, 1922.

Nebraska Clothing Company,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Your telegram to Senator Hitchcock asking for two and a half gold pieces has been referred to this Bureau It is fixed policy of the Treasury not to make further payments of gold coin of this denomination The limited supply in treasury is available only as reserve and would be soon exhausted if used for general payments

F. E. Scobey
Director of the Mint

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ~~[illegible]~~ Collect
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
November 14, 1922.

Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Company

San Francisco, California

Offer eighty seven thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Scobey

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2129.

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November 14, 1922.

Dear Senator Hitchcock:

I am forwarding herewith copy of the telegram sent this day to the Nebraska Clothing Company, in accordance with the suggestion over the telephone from your office.

In view of your interest we would like to respond favorably to the request, but I feel sure you will appreciate it would not be expedient to make an exception in this case.

Very truly yours,

F E Dewey

Director of the Mint.

OR

Hon. Gilbert M. Hitchcock,

United States Senate.

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November 15, 1922.

Mr. Eugene M. Michel,
135 Prescott Avenue,
Grant City, Staten Island,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of November 8 relative to the established price of $20.67183 per ounce for fine gold addressed to the Department of Mines has been referred to this Bureau for reply. You are advised that the Act of June 28, 1834, provides that the gold dollar shall be 25.8 standard fineness, equal to 23.22 grains fine (1000). If 23.22 grains are worth $1.00, 480 grains are worth $20.67183. See also the act of January 8, 1837, Revised Statutes 3511.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 15, 1922.

Driver-Harris Company,
Harrison, New Jersey. Attention Mr. Omohundro

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of November 1 stating you will require an order for six muffles in order that you may absorb the pattern charge, you are requested to quote this office your charge for pattern. It is understood one or more muffles will be furnished at $1.30 per pound net.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 15, 1922.

Mr. L. L. Hunter,
1165 E 61st Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your card of November 11 relative to the issue of coins of other denominations than those now in circulation. The suggestions have been noted and your card placed on file for reference should the occasion arise to use it.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 15, 1922.

Mr. C. Harold Martin,
4727 Hazel Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your request of November 13 I am forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, and have placed your name on the list to receive a copy of the 1922 report which will be issued in a few weeks.

Your attention is invited to page 60 of the report for 1921 which contains a table of the production of gold and silver in the United States since 1792. On page 126 you will find a table of the stock of gold and silver in the United States at the close of the fiscal year. These reports are not made up monthly or quarterly. You are also referred to page 124 for statistics relative to the location of money in the United States.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 15, 1922.

Mr. J. P. Skelton,
1024 Water Street,
Meadville, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 12 I am unable to advise you in regard to the piece you describe. I would suggest that you communicate with the American Numismatic Society, New York.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 15, 1922.

Mr. M. E. Rincon,
610 West 152nd Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 11, I regret to advise you that the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" is out of print and the supply in this Bureau is exhausted.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 15, 1922.

Mr. R. S. Hubley,
Room 417, Great Northern Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 11 you are advised that the only book issued by the Government carrying a list of coins and cuts is the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia". This volume may be purchased for $1.00 from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 15, 1922.

Mrs. Ruth A. Beresse,
517 N. Palouse,
Walla Walla, Washington.

Madam:

I am returning the specimen of rock forwarded by you for assay and have to adivse that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 15, 1922.

Mr. H. A. Winslow,
Benezette, Elk County,
Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I am returning the specimens of rock forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. A visual examination would indicate that there is nothing of value contained in the deposit. However, should you desire an assay made I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where a test will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Director of the Mint.

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November 15, 1922.

Miss Agnes Doherty,
2078 Summit Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of November 11 relative to legal tender in paper money, you are advised that in addition to the United States notes (known as greenbacks) which are legal tender, the Act of December 24, 1919 made gold certificates legal tender. Federal Reserve notes are not legal tender. Treasury notes of the act of July 14, 1890 are legal tender for all debts, public and private, except where otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 16, 1922.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one million ounces Platinum silver accepted San Francisco

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above lines.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

November 16, 1922.

Hon. R. Pearson, Deputy Master,
Royal Mint, Pretoria Branch,
Pretoria, Union of South Africa.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of October 18, 1922, with reference to previous correspondence in regard to copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint which we were forwarding to you, and which you state have not been received.

The Secretary of the International Exchange Service reports that these documents left New York on the steamer "Eastern Crown" under date of July 27, 1922, in boxes 132-134. In order to avoid further delay, however, I am today forwarding to you, through the International Exchange Service, duplicate copies of the reports in question.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1922.

Director of the International Exchange Service,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

With reference to our letter of June 30, 1922, this Bureau is today in receipt of a communication from the Deputy Master of the Pretoria Branch of the Royal Mint, Pretoria, Union of South Africa, that he has not received the three reports of the Director of the Mint forwarded to you for transmission in connection with our letter above referred to.

I am forwarding under separate cover duplicate copies of these reports with the request that they be transmitted to:-

Hon. R. Pearson, Deputy Master,
Royal Mint, Pretoria Branch,
Pretoria, Union of South Africa.

I am enclosing copy of letter to the Deputy Master transmitting a report received over the telephone from your office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 16, 1922.

Mr. E. K. Crews, Pastor,
Methodist-Episcopal Church,
Stewardson, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 14 you are advised that in addition to the memorial coins listed by you there are now available the Grant gold dollar and the Grant silver half dollar. These coins may be obtained from the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1922.

Mr. H. F. Hare,

Trinity, Texas.

Sir:

I am returning, unopened, the specimen of rock forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. Should you desire assay made I would suggest that you send about five pounds of the material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where a test will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1922.

Mr. Frank Seymour,
R.F.D. 4 Box 46,
Harrison, Michigan.

Sir:

I am returning the small sample enclosed with your letter of November 13, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays for precious metals are made by the Government for the public. A visual examination of the enclosure would indicate that there is no gold present.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 16, 1922.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper,
Room 1400,
The World,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 15 I am enclosing a revision of the list of officers in charge of the United States Mints.

It will be noted that the officers in charge of the Mints at Carson City and New Orleans are designated "Assayer in Charge" and not "Superintendent." These two offices are operated merely as assay offices.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 16, 1922.

Mr. J. H. Bunning,
Ward 27, Room D,
San Francisco Hospital,
San Francisco, California.

Sir!

Replying to your letter of recent date relative to the world's stock of monetary gold, I am causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921 and invite your attention to page 274 thereof giving the monetary stock of the principal countries of the world. Your name has been placed on the list to receive a copy of the Director's report for 1922 which will be issued in a fewweek.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

November 16, 1922.

Mr. Math. Laudolf,
Box 5,
Peebles, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 14 you are advised that the only publication issued by the Government on the subject of coins and medals is the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia." This publication may be obtained at a cost of $1.00 from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1922.

Mr. F. M. Preston,

Blansett, Arkansas.

Sir:

I am returning the specimen of rock forwarded with your letter of November 6. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. Should you desire an assay made I would suggest that you forward about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah where an assay will be made to determine gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 17, 1922.

Miss Claudia M. Ferrin,
General Delivery 9,
Boston, Mass.

Madame:

I am returning the small piece of gold enclosed with your letter of November 19, and have to advise you that the Government purchases gold in the form of bullion in amounts approximating or exceeding $100 in value. The piece you enclose is too small for separate test to determine its value. I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you.

Respectfully,

M. McReels

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 17, 1922.

Mr. J. U. Hood,
53 So. Main Street,
Akron, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the wire enclosed with your note of November 9 and have to state that there is no place in Washington where tests of such material are made by the Government for the public. I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 17, 1922.

Mr. Wm. Roach,
300 Spruce Street,
Atlantic, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 12 you are advised that three cent pieces were coined from 1851 until 1873.

I am unable to advise you where you may obtain a "Coin Book."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1922.

Mr. Fernando Fernandez,
136 Liberty Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 13 addressed to the Director of the United States Assay Office, New York, and forwarded to this Bureau, you are advised that this Bureau purchases electrolytic copper for coinage purposes on the open market, and bids are usually invited from the following-named firms:

American Smelting & Refining Co., 120 Broadway, N.Y.
American Metal Company, 120 Broadway, N.Y.
Nichols Copper Company, 25 Broad Street, N.Y.
United Metals Selling Company, 25 Broadway, N.Y.
U.S. Smelting Refining & Mining Company, 120 Broadway.
Guggenheim Brothers, New York.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 17, 1922.

Mr. Henry B. Phillips,
Room 703 St. Clair Building,
16 California Street,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 11 enclosing a photograph of Miss Stella M. Linscott. The photograph is herewith returned with the advice that the Department has not under contemplation any change of design of any of the current coins, the designs of all the coins having been changed in recent years and it is not likely that any further change will be made for some time to come.

With expression of appreciation for your interest, I am,

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1922.

Dear Senator Sheppard:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 16 giving an excerpt from a letter received from one of your constituents relative to the design employed in the manufacture of the dime. The design of the current ten cent piece was executed by Adolph A. Weinman. His design of the fasces for one side of the dime was selected by the Fine Arts Commission and with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury authorized to be issued. Several other designs were submitted at the time but Mr. Weinman's model was selected by the Commission and the Department as being appropriate.

Respectfully,

M. M. Ruddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Morris Sheppard,
United States Senate.

November 18, 1922.

Miss Cathryn Wancura,
191 Grand Street,
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Miss Wancura:

Your letter of November 15 has been referred to this Bureau for attention. I regret to advise you that the Government does not publish any document covering the manufacture of gold coins.

Respectfully,

F E Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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November 18, 1922.

Mr. Richard Calhoun,
Whitmer, West Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning unopened the jewelry forwarded in connection with your card of November 17, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington wher such deposits are accepted and paid for by the Government. The United States Assay Office at New York purchases gold bullion in quantities approximating or exceeding $100 in value.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leeb

Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It is requested that voucher in favor of the Research Corporation, in the sum of $9,000, covering partial payment on a contract for a precipitator and electrical equipment, payable from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1922," forwarded to you November 10, 1922, be returned to this office for further administrative action.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 18, 1922.

Doctor F. H. Sarface,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to advise that gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of October, 1922, were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

Unrefined domestic gold - 119,294.346 fine ounces.
Unrefined domestic silver - 250,510.40 " "

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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November 10, 1932.

Mr. W. P. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to advise that silver receipts of the mints during the month of September, 1932, were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Unrefined domestic bullion | - - | 250,610.40 | fine ounces |
| Unrefined foreign bullion | - - | 28,609.94 | " " |
| Foreign silver coin | - - | 7,614.64 | " " |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 18, 1922.

Mr. H. H. Yawger,
Chairman, Board of Governors,
American Numismatic Association,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 3 in which you urge that an opportunity be given your society for the expression of opinion in respect to the selection of a candidate to fill the position of Curator at the Mint in Philadelphia. The position is still unfilled and I will be very grateful if you can suggest to me names of candidates who might be suited for this position. The salary is $1800 per annum, plus a bonus of $240.

You are familiar with the requirements of such a position, one of the qualifications of the encumbent being at least a knowledge of the Latin languages.

I will be glad to have you communicate with me at this office at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

November 20, 1934.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Division
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

With reference to request of this office dated the 15th instant, for return of a voucher in favor of the Sansorin Corporation in the sum of $2,000.00, it is now requested that said letter be disregarded and that the attached letter showing the items making up the total amount of the contract in question be filed to support the voucher under consideration, also vouchers pertaining to the same contract, to be subsequently forwarded.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

Enc.

O.K.

November 20, 1922.

Mr. W. J. Logus.
Post Office Box 324,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Your letter of October 24 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

It is learned from the officials at Seattle that an investigation of this firm is under way and measures are being taken to determine the status of their business.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 21, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,
San Francisco, California.

Offer seventy thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Scobey

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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November 21, 1922.

Mr. L. F. Jordon,
20 Melbourne Street,
Portland, Maine.

Sir:

Your letter of November 14 together with framed design for a new coin has been received. The same is respectfully returned with expression of appreciation from this Department of your interest in the matter.

No new coin could be issued without authority from Congress, and the Department has not at this time under contemplation the issue of coins of another denomination than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

November 21, 1922.

Mr. F. S. Miller,
Markets and Warehouse Department,
Division of Markets,
Austin, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 17 I am enclosing the circular entitled "Value of Foreign Coins", which gives the intrinsic value of the coin but not the exchange value.

The Customs Information Exchange, 641 Washington Street, New York, N.Y. issues a daily circular covering exchange rates on different countries. By applying to this exchange you may be able to obtain copies of these circulars.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 21, 1922.

Mr. A. J. Garlick,
Bradley Polytechnic Institute,
Horological Department,
Peoria, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of November 11 addressed to the Hon. W. Irving Glover, Assistant Postmaster General, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Government does not publish any information on numismatics. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, New York City. This society may be able to give you some information relative to the collection of coins.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

GR.

November 21, 1922.

Mr. W. H. Cockrell,
1416 Cherry Street,
Kansas City, Mo.,

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 17 you are advised that the Government purchases gold in the form of bullion in quantities approximating or exceeding $100. Such deposits are received by the United States Assay Office at New York and are paid for by check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1922.

Rev. S. M. Newman,
74 Coldstream Street,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Sir:

At the request of Congressman Edmonds I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Act approved April 23, 1918, known as the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1922.

Mr. Walter A. Irion,
721 N. Harding Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 17 you are advised that it is against existing regulations to have photographs made of machinery or equipment of the mints.

The Treasury Department does not issue any descriptive material covering the making of any coins.

Respectfully,

F E Leeds

Director of the Mint.

OR

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November 21, 1922.

Miss Georgene Houda,
312 E. George Street,
Banning, California.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of November 16, 1922, relative to damaged coins in your possession, I would suggest that you send the coins to the Treasurer of the United States, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

November 21, 1932.

Calumet and Hecla Mining Company,
12 Ashburton Place,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of November 20 of 30,836 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
November 22, 1922.

Joseph Dixon Curcible Company
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Box received marked rear entrance US Mint Washington DC Order one hundred seven For whom is this intended

Scobey

Director Mint

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 22, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company
25 Broadway, New York City.

Offer seven hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

Scobey
Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

November 22, 1922.

Mrs. Lucy Lister Wheeler,
American Red Cross;
Reno Chapter,
Reno, Nevada.

Dear Madam:

Responding to your request of November 16,

I take pleasure in enclosing my autograph inscribed on the piece of white cloth enclosed in your letter. I am very glad to assist in so worthy a cause.

Very truly yours,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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November 21, 1922.

Memorandum for Mr. Murphy:

Mr. Joseph Aiken, Rincon, Georgia forwarded to Mint Bureau two rocks, bronze coated, which he wished examined for gold. Rocks found to be valueless and Aiken so advised under date of November 21.

F. E. Zeroy

Bureau of the Mint.

November 22, 1922.

Ensign Robert C. Rasche, U.S.N.,
United States Ship Utah,
Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 20, you are advised that all positions in the Mint Service are under Civil Service. It would be necessary to pass a Civil Service examination and be certified from an eligible register before appointment could be obtained.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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November 23, 1922.

Mr. H. G. Baker,

Winchester, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 16 you are advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you take the matter up with the American Numismatic Scoiety, New York.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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November 25, 1922.

Mr. M. S. Kendrick,
Department of Economics,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Sir:

In conformity with your request of the 16th, your name is being placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the 1922 annual report of the Director of the Mint which will be ready for distribution in about ten days. In this report, on page 98, may be found a table which shows the yearly United States coinage for each year since the organization of the mints.

With reference to the methods followed in computing the amounts and classifications of gold used in the arts and manufactures reference is made to the text on pages 61 and 62 of the 1921 report of the Director of the Mint immediately preceding the table on page 62 mentioned in your letter. It may be added, in this connection, that reports are received by this office from most of the distributors of gold and that every effort is made to eliminate duplications.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 23, 1922.

Mr. F. H. Brownell, Vice-President,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The program for conclusion of purchases of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act is receiving the consideration of this office. Before any definite action with regard thereto is taken the producers of refined domestic silver will be given an opportunity to fully present their views.

Your letter of the 21st instant, upon this subject, is appreciated and its contents will be of value in considering the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 23, 1922.

Mr. L. F. Jordan,
20 Melbourne Street,
Portland, Maine.

Sir:

Your letter of November 14 addressed to the President, together with framed design of a coin has been referred to this Bureau for attention and reply. I am returning the picture under separate cover and respectfully refer you to my letter of November 21 on this subject.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

November 23, 1922.

Miss Marjorie Borton,
356 Anson Street,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of November 20 relative to commemorative coins you are advised that the memorail coins listed below are obtainable as follows:

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| Pilgrim Tercentenary | National Shawmut Bank<br>Boston, Mass. |
| Missouri Centennial | Sedalia Bank & Trust Co.,<br>Sedalia, Missouri. |
| Alabama Centennial | First National Bank,<br>Birmingham, Alabama. |
| Grant Memorial Coinage | U.S. Grant Centenary<br>Memorial Association,<br>1012 Traction Building,<br>Cincinnati, Ohio. |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 23, 1922.

Mr. William Emerine,

Alveda, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 4 addressed to the Superintendent of Documents and referred to this Bureau, you are advised that we have no printed matter which describes the manufacture or handling of coins.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

November 21, 1922.

Mr. Joseph Aiken,

Rincon, Georgia.

Sir:

The specimens of rock forwarded by your for assay I am returning. As we have endeavored to make clear in previous correspondence there is no place in Washington where this work is done by the Government for the public. However, we have given the rock in question a superficial examination and find that it is of no value whatever, having merely a bronze coat or stain with no gold content.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 23, 1922.

Mr. Sanford B. Hunt, Editor,
The Newark Sunday Call,
Newark, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 21 I have to state that the five cent pieces are never minted with the "reeded" edge. We will be glad to inspect the piece if you care to forward it to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 23, 1922.

Mr. C. F. Kelley, President,
Anaconda Copper Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Referring to your letter of October 9, 1922, which reached this office in my absence, I have to state that the subject matter therein has received the consideration of this Bureau. Your letter covers in a general way the understanding arrived at during your last visit to the Bureau. Before any definite action with regard to the final purchase of silver is taken the producers of refined domestic silver will be given ample opportunity to fully present their views as to the best policy to be followed in concluding purchases.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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November 24, 1922.

Thomas J. Dee & Co.,
5 South Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of November 22nd, you are advised that the 1922 report of the Director of the Mint will be available for distribution about December 1st, and your name is being placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 24, 1922.

Mr. Geo. L. Slimmer,
Chico, California,
c/o De Sabla Stage.

Sir:

Your letter of November 10 addressed to the President has been forwarded to this office for attention. Your letter has been carefully read and the suggestions contained in it are noted. Your letter has been placed on file and will be referred to whenever the opportunity presents itself to take under consideration the suggestions contained in the same.

Thanking you for your interest, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1922.

Mr. M. C. Waltersdorf,
100 Stockton Street,
Princeton, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 16 requesting information relative to the "Trade Dollar", I beg to submit the following:

The Trade Dollar was authorized by the Act of February 12, 1873. It was intended for circulation in oriental countries as a substitute for the Mexican Dollar. It was made legal tender in sums not exceeding $5.00 by the authorizing act, which quality was withdrawn by the joint resolution approved July 22, 1876, and the coinage was limited to such amount as the Secretary of the Treasury should consider sufficient to meet the export demand. The act of February 19, 1887 provided for their retirement and recoinage into standard silver dollars or subsidiary silver. The total number of trade dollars coined was 35,965,924. The number redeemed under the act of 1887 was 7,669,036. Since the expiration of the period of redemption, which was six months after the passage of act of February 19, 1887, trade dollars have been purchased as bullion when presented to the mints.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 24, 1922.

Mr. Singne Schmidt,
Allison Street School,
Norwood, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 21 you are advised that the coinage mints of the United States are located in Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. There are two mints operated as Assay Offices, one at New Orleans and the other at Carson City. Assay Offices are located in -

New York
Deadwood, S.D.
Salt Lake City, Utah.
Boise, Idaho
Helena, Montana
Seattle, Washington

The Annual Report of the Director of the Mint may be obtained from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. at a small cost. I regret that we have none available for distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

November 24, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Attention of Mr. Seaman.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of October 30, 1922, and to previous correspondence and personal interviews in regard to the value of sweeps recently purchased by you from the United States Assay Office, New York, I have gone carefully into the details of the case and in view of all the circumstances I do not feel justified in approving the claim.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Assay Office which sets forth the facts according to our records, and I concur in his recommendation that the claim should not be allowed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 25, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In connection with the accompanying request for the usual preliminary figures on the production of gold and silver may I suggest that, if it can be done without undue delay or difficulty in preparation, you render preliminary returns separately for the Baltimore, Omaha, Perth Amboy, and Selby plants. It is believed that separate returns for these plants will permit a more accurate preliminary distribution to the various states than has heretofore been possible from a consolidated report of all your plants.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 25, 1923.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 28, 1920, I have the honor to submit the monthly estimate of the value of the silver content of the following coins:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Mexican Dollar | $0.5160 |
| British Dollar<br>Hongkong Dollar | .5122 |
| Yuan Dollar | .5047 |

Respectfully,

J. E. Zerbey

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 27, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,
San Francisco, California.

Offer forty six thousand ounces Fittman silver accepted San Francisco

Scobey

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 27, 1922.

Wilson Bishop
Ideal Engineering Company
1730 Wazee Street,
Denver Colorado

Telegram received Have referred same to Grant Superintendent

Scobey

Director

(Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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November 27, 1922.

Mr. J. A. McLeod,
City Clerk's Office,
Rossland, B.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 21 relative to a fifty cent piece bearing the date 1834, you are advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. The American Numismatic Society of New York may be able to advise you whether this coin brings any other than the ordinary value.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leeming

Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1922.

Mr. Fred R. Jones, Editor,
The Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 24.

It is expected that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1923 will be available for distribution within a week or ten days and as soon as a supply is received at this office a copy will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1922.

Auto Sales and Parts Company,
224 S. Central Street,
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Gentlemen:

I am returning under separate cover the package forwarded by you said to contain platinum points, and have to advise that the Government does not purchase platinum through the Mints or Assay Offices. I regret that we cannot be of service to you.

Respectfully,

J. Roby

Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1922.

Editor, The Troy Record,

Troy, New York.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 24, and take pleasure in submitting below the coinage of one cent pieces for the calendar years 1920, 1921 and 1922. It is not anticipated that any further coinage of this denomination will be made between now and the close of the current year:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1920 . . . . . | $ 4,056,650.00 |
| 1921 . . . . . | 544,310.00 |
| 1922 . . . . . | 91,810.00 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 27, 1922.

General Supply Committee,
Auditor's Building,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

There is at hand a bill of the American Railway Express Co. paid by the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for transportation of one pin-point typewriting machine from your office to that institution about June 30, 1922. The New York Assay Office states that no Government bill of lading covering shipment concerned was received. In order to enable this office to intelligently proceed toward obtaining the evidence necessary to support this bill, will you please refer to letter of this office dated June 24, 1922, enclosing a Government bill of lading partially made out to cover this shipment and advise whether Gov't. bill of lading was used and if so, what disposition was made of same; if Gov't. bill of lading was not used please give any information you may have concerning method used in making shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 27, 1922.

American Railway Express Co.
Room U, Treasury Department.

Sirs:

Herewith returned is your bill #T/D 2-1022, covering transportation charges on bronze casts of Senator Glass' medal from Philadelphia, October 14, 1922, erroneously delivered to this office. This bill is not payable by this office but by Senator Glass to whom the bill should be sent.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 28, 1922.

Driver-Harris Company,
Harrison, New Jersey. Attention Mr. G.N.Omohundro

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of November 21 in which you quote a price of $20.00 pattern charge for a nichrome muffle, this appears to be an excessive charge for such a pattern, and as our appropriation for this year is almost exhausted it compels us to ask for competitive bids. Will you please return the drawing submitted with our letter of October 26.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 28, 1922

Miss Mildred G. Eicher,

Pettisville, Ohio.

Dear Miss Eicher:

Replying to your letter of recent date you are advised that the Government issues no publication covering the operations of the United States Mints with reference to the process of manufacturing coins, and Department regulations prohibit the taking of pictures illustrating mint machinery.

The Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, which contains statistics bearing on the amount of coinage executed during the fiscal year, the production of gold and silver in the United States and the world, etc., but which contains no reference to the method of manufacturing coins, may be had at a small charge upon application to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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November 28, 1922.

American Metal Company, Ltd.,
Refining Department,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your reports to this Bureau of mixed silver receipts and sales for the months July, August, and September do not separately state the sources of domestic silver receipts. Please forward such information and note this requirement for use in preparing future similar reports.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 28, 1922.

Central Railroad Company of New Jersey,
Accounting Department,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Refering to your letter of the 27th inst., enclosing your bill #20054/18 covering 24¢ storage charges on a shipment from Philadelphia to New York, February 6, 1918, please be advised that because of the long delay in rendering this bill, no funds are now available from which it may be paid. It will now require a deficiency appropriation by Congress to make the necessary funds available. If it is your desire that this be done the claim will be included when a deficiency bill is presented to Congress. If and when funds are appropriated claim will be promptly settled.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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P. S. Amount was disallowed on original bill because of lack of sufficient evidence to support the charge.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
November 29, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Company
San Francisco California.

Offer sixty eight thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted SanFrancisco

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....

2—6782 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

RG104 E-235 Vol 447

November 29, 1922.

Mr. Howard Hastings,
205 N. Church Street,
Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 23 you are advised 232.2 grains of pure gold is the amount of pure gold contained in a $10.00 gold piece. If you took 232.2 grains of pure gold in the form of bullion to the mint you would be paid the exact coining value of the gold, less charges for melting and testing the deposit.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 29, 192[illegible].

Mr. E. A. Melton,
R.F.D. No. 1,
Bostic, North Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 25 you are advised that the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota, will assay a deposit for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. About five pounds of the material should be forwarded. There is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 29, 1922.

Mr. Gustav Dietsch,
Box 195,
Postville, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 24 you are advised that the Government is not purchasing at this time foreign silver coins and we are unable to advise you where you can dispose of the pieces you describe.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 29, 1922.

Mr. J. M. Hagan,

Ocheltree, Kansas.

Sir:

I am returning the card containing the six dimes forwarded by you and regret to advise you that no coins of this denomination have been minted in 1922.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 29, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of November 28 of 138,000 ounces of silver is accepted for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

W. McBride

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 29, 1922.

Miss Iva Maude Lewis.
R.F.D. No. 1, Box 401,
Athens, Tennessee.

Madame:,

Your letter of November 20 addressed to the Post Office Department has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you communicate with a coin dealer or collector.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 29, 1922.

Dear Congressman Ricketts:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 25, requesting copies of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the years 1910-1922, inclusive.

I am forwarding under separate cover copies of the Report for the years 1912, 1913, 1914, 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1921. The reports for the other years are entirely exhausted. It may be that your list can be completed by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. I regret that I am not able to supply you with all the reports desired.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Edwin D. Ricketts,
House of Representatives.

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November 29, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of November 29 of 400,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Th. McPhail,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 29, 1922.

Ricketts & Company, Inc.,
80 Washington Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 28 I am enclosing copy of the Regulations governing the sale of silver to the Government under the terms of the Pittman Act. These regulations contain miner's and vendor's affidavits which must be executed showing that the silver in question is the product of mines located within the United States and of reduction works so located. If these affidavits can be executed in connection with your 14,000 ounces of silver please advise this Bureau and shipping instructions will be issued.

Respectfully,

F. J. McDonald

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 29, 1922.

Mr. Neil Whitcraft,

Wyeville, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 27 you are advised that the letter "P" is the initial of the engraver and designer of the silver dollar upon which it appears. The Mint marks are as follows:

San Francisco the letter "S"
Denver " " "D"

Coins made at Philadelphia are known by the absence of a Mint mark.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 29, 1922.

Mr. Daniel P. Schubert,
726 E. Illinois St.,
Freeport, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of November 27 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The gold dollar and silver half dollar commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Grant may be obtained from the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. It is understood these coins are sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

A. P. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 29, 1922.

Mr. Paul Negrier,
42 Boulevard Richard-Lenoir,
Paris, France.

Sir:

In response to your inquiry of November 11 it gives me much pleasure to offer whatever assistance this Bureau can supply in regard to this equipment. I would suggest that you address a letter to Hamilton & Hansell, Inc., Park Row Building, New York, who handle the Rennerfelt furnace in use at the Mint for melting alloy for the copper and nickel coins of the United States. This furnace is not used by us on the precious metals, nor do we operate it on brass. We have been successful in using it for large melts for alloy used in manufacturing our one cent bronze pieces which are composed of 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc, and for our nickel coins which are made of 75% copper and 25% nickel.

If we can be of further service to you in this matter please advise us.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 29, 1922.

Mr. C. C. Latour,
Overseas Securities Corporation,
14 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 27 I am listing below the monthly purchases of silver under the Pittman Act for the current calendar year:

| | |
|---|---|
| January | 2,532,000 |
| February | 3,444,740 |
| March | 5,370,980 |
| April | 8,117,748 |
| May | 4,122,400 |
| June | 5,204,750 |
| July | 2,841,000 |
| August | 8,325,000 |
| September | 4,377,445 |
| October | 7,105,625 |
| November | 2,842,836 |

There have been purchased to date under the terms of the Pittman Act 143,254,412 ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 29, 1922.

Mr. C. W. Handy, Secretary,
Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 28. The Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922 will be available for distribution within ten days. As soon as advance copies are received at this office I will take pleasure in forwarding a copy to you.

Silver in the amount of 5,424,025 fine ounces was purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act in December, 1921. The monthly purchases for the current calendar year are as follows:

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|---|---|
| January | 2,532,000 |
| February | 3,444,740 |
| March | 5,370,980 |
| April | 8,117,748 |
| May | 4,122,400 |
| June | 5,204,750 |
| July | 2,841,000 |
| August | 8,325,000 |
| September | 4,377,445 |
| October | 7,105,625 |
| November | 3,242,836 |

There have been purchased to date under the terms of the Pittman Act 143,254,412 ounces of silver.

No bullion was used for the manufacture of subsidiary coins during the calendar year 1922 to date other than that entering into the coinage of 100,000 Grant memorial half dollars. It is not anticipated that any subsidiary coins will be minted during the balance of the year.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 29, 1922.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Company,

Jersey City, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the voucher which should have been sent to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

I deem it not improper to again suggest that the settlement of your account may be materially delayed by your constant practice of forwarding vouchers to this Bureau which do not belong here. This office has called attention to this fact on several occasions, and we would be glad to express ourselves more clearly to make it plain that while it is no trouble to forward these vouchers it is a decided source of delay in the settlement of your account.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 1, 1922.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one million five hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

December 1, 1922.

Mr. John F. Harman,
Chairman of the Board,
Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Harman:

Replying to your letter of November 29, we are now receiving bids for delivery of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M. McBride

Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1922.

Miss E. E. Morrison,
137 Charles St.
Warren, Ohio.

Madame:

I am returning herewith the pencil rubbing enclosed with your letter of November 27, and would suggest that you communicate with the American Numismatic Society, New York for information as to whether the piece you describe has a premium value. No premium is paid by the Government on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1922.

Remington Typewriter Company,
17th & H Sts., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Under date of May 4, 1922, this office purchased from you a Remington cross-accounting machine with Wahl adding mechanicism at a cost of about $1,100. The purchase was in the nature of an experiment with the possibility in view of extending the use of the machine at a later date. This machine was delivered to the New York Assay Office in June and has been in use at that institution since that time. The machine is used every day, although not constantly, and it is important that, when needed, the machine be able to take care of the work for which it is designed. This office is now in receipt of information from the New York Assay office to the effect that the machine does not appear to be sturdy enough to stand the strain of the work and that upon numerous occasions it has been necessary to have your New York office make repairs thereto. This office will be glad to have you look into the question of stability of the machine in question, and to receive such information as will enable us to give proper consideration to the question of extending the use of such machines in the Mint service.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1922.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
Statistical Department,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 28 you are advised that there have been purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act to the close of business November 29, 143,254,412 fine ounces of silver. In addition to the above amount 1,500,000 ounces were purchased today.

It will require approximately 208,000,000 ounces to coin the number of dollars melted.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1922.

Dear Congressman Rosenbloom:

Your letter of November 16 addressed to Mr. H. Foster Bain, Director of the Bureau of Mines has today been received in this Bureau, and I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Mr. C. W. Hall, West, Wetzel County, West Virginia, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the calendar year 1920, which covers the production of the precious metals and the consumption of the same in coinage and the arts. Mr. Hall's name has been placed on the list to receive a copy of the forthcoming report of the Director of the Mint which is now on the press.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Benjamin L. Rosenbloom,

House of Representatives.

December 2, 1922.

Ricketts & Company, Inc.,
30 Washington Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of November 28 of 14,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1922.

Johnson Matthey & Company, Inc.,
Woolworth Building,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 1 you are advised that the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922 has not yet been completed by the printer. Your name is on the mailing list to receive a copy as soon as it is received at this Bureau. This matter will not be overlooked.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1922.

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

The Assayer in Charge, United States Mint, Carson City, Nevada, has requested the removal of a small shed, 6 x 5 x 4, in the rear of the mint building. This shed has a basement of approximately the same dimensions, all built of stone. The Assayer in Charge requests authority to advertise for bids from possible purchasers of the stone, the successful bidder to go to all expense of removing the stone and filling up the excavation. The shed is said to be unsightly and its removal will add greatly to the appearance of the mint building.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1922.

Mr. M. D. Jenkins, Assistant Cashier,
Houston Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of November 29 the following is submitted:

If a person should present to the mint 20,000 ounces of gold 950 fine he would receive 950/1000 of $20.67 for every ounce. Charges would be deducted for the melting and assaying of this coin to test its fineness and prepare it for coinage purposes. Payment would be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States and this check could be presented and redeemed in gold if the owner of the check so desired. I am enclosing copy of table of charges used in the mints and assay offices. This table is not for general distribution by this Bureau but is sent to you for your information.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 2, 1922.

Mrs. Anna Jester,

Jesterville, Maryland.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 1 you are advised that the Government issues no publication giving the price paid by coin dealers and collectors for rare coins. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coin. It may be that the American Numismatic Society, New York, can be of some service to you in this regard.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 4, 1922.

American International Corporation,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 2 you are advised that your name will be submitted to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RITTEN:

Washington,

December 5, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,

San Francisco, California.

Offer sixty six thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Scobey

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

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December 5, 1922.

Mr. G. Belson,
c/o Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.,
250 West 57th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the $1.00 money order enclosed with your letter of December 1. It is understood what you describe as a bronze paper weight of the bust of President McKinley, is the Presidential medal. The medals of all the Presidents are sold at the Mint at $1.00 plus the cost of mailing, approximately 10 cents, and a sufficient amount should be forwarded to the Mint with the money order to pay the cost of postage.

Respectfully,

F. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1922.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

This note has reference to communication with your office several days ago relative to the Assay Commission. I would like very much to have you suggest a name to be entered on the list to be submitted for consideration for appointment and would very much appreciate your courtesy in forwarding this name at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Albert H. Vestal,

House of Representatives.

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December 5, 1922.

Mr. S. F. Booth,
Box 266,
La Grande, Oregon.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of November 29 you are advised that a mint was never located at Pheonix, Arizona.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1922.

Chief, Division of Printing & Stationery,

Treasury Department.

Sir;

This note will advise you that the Report of the Director of the Mint, 25 copies of which have been received in this office, has been released for circulation, and this notice is being sent to you for your records.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,
December 7, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer five hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted

Philadelphia

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Director

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December 6, 1922.

Mr. J. T. Lassiter,

Acme, New Mexico.

Sir:

I am returning the specimen of ore forwarded by you for assay and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 6, 1922.

Mr. J. P. Rock,

Lyndonville, Vermont.

Sir:

I am returning the specimen of ore forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota will make an an assay at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. About five pounds of the material to be assayed should be forwarded.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 6, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of December 5 of 192,000 ounces of Pittman silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leach

Director of the Mint.

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December 7, 1922.

Mr. G. Nelson,
c/o Kelly Springfield Tire Co.,
250 West 57th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of December 1 enclosing money order together 10 cents for mailing copy of the medal of President McKinley has been received at this office. The money order together with the 10 cents has been forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia where these medals are sold. The medals are not distributed by this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 7, 1922.

Dear Congressman Kahn:

I have your letter of December 2 relative to procuring a set of medals for Mr. Spreckels of San Francisco.

I take pleasure in enclosing a list of the medals made at the Mint, together with the prices of the same. The medals of award made for the War Department and for the Navy Department are under the jurisdiction of the respective Departments, and I have no doubt that specimens of the medals could be obtained upon the authority of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy.

I wish I might send you a set of the medals made at the Mint as a gratuity, but we are without authority to do this and without funds which could be used for such a purpose. The medals made at the Mint are, as you are aware, national medals, and are distributed by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

With personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable Julius Kahn,
House of Representatives.

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December 7, 1922.

Mr. J. A. Wetmore,
Acting Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Wetmore:

I have your letter of December 6 relative to the proposed vault installation at the Philadelphia Mint, and note you state that to build a vault with lateral peep holes, etc., would cost approximately $15,000, and that your appropriation for "Vaults and Safes" is not large enough to warrant the expenditure of this amount.

I also note your statement that if the plans could be modified, omitting the peep holes, etc., the cost might be reduced to $9,000 for a plain vault, and that such an expenditure could be sustained by your annual appropriation. I have, therefore, to request that such an installation be immediately undertaken, it being understood that the cost will be bore by an appropriation under your control. The situation on account of want of vault space at Philadelphia is now rather serious, and I shall greatly appreciate early endeavor to provide the vault.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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December 7, 1922.

Mr. George Altsadter,
245 West 76th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of December 6 addressed to the United States Treasury & Mint Department has been delivered by the Post Office to this Bureau, and forwarded to the Director, Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Washington, that officer being in charge of the manufacture and care of paper money.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 7, 1922.

Mr. C. Earle Karickhoff,
West Virginia Wesleyan College,
Buckhannon, West Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 5th you are advised that the legal tender value of money is as follows:

The gold dollar is the standard unit of value and all gold coins are legal tender at face value in payment of all debts.

Gold certificates were made legal tender by the Act of December 24, 1919.

Standard silver dollars are legal tender in payment of all debts without regard to amount.

Treasury notes are legal tender for all debts, except where otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract.

United States notes are legal tender for all debts, except duties on imports and interest on the public debt.

Subsidiary silver coins are legal tender for amounts not exceeding $10.00 on any one payment.

Minor coins of nickel and bronze are legal tender for amounts not exceeding 25 cents.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

December 7, 1922.

Mrs. Fred C. Pontley,
6123 N. Elmendorf Street,
San Antonio, Texas.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 29 I am unable to advise you of the character of the piece you describe. I would suggest that you communicate with the American Numismatic Society, New York, who may be of service to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 7, 1922.

Dear Congressman Williamson:

Replying to your letter of December 5 relative to the Deadwood Assay Office, the following statement is submitted:

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1922, 10 deposits of the value of $3,286.49 were received. The receipts from special assays of bullion and ore were $556.00. The expenses of the Assay Office amounted to $5,557.31.

During July, August, September and October of this fiscal year 6 deposits were received valued at approximately $2,900.00. In November no deposits were received.

The earnings from July to the end of October, 1922 were $181.00 and the expenses were $1,634.07.

During the fiscal year there were 494 assays made for gold and silver; 46 assays were made for base metals, and 90 assays were made on the deposits received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Wm. Williamson,
House of Representatives.

December 8, 1922.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 7, expressing the wish to attend the Annual Assay Commission meeting in February, 1923, as a member of the Commission, and recommending that the name of Mrs. G. L. Austill, Indianapolis, Indiana, be placed upon the list to be considered for appointment. It gives me much pleasure to assure you that your letter will be brought to the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury when the list is being prepared for submission to the President.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

Honorable A. H. Vestal,
Chairman, Committee on
Coinage, Weights and Measures.
House of Representatives.

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December 8, 1922.

Mr. Philip S. Smith,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Reference is made to your letter of December 7 relative to obtaining the use of an assay button balance now in the laboratory of this Bureau. There is no objection to the lending of this Balance for approximately six months, as you request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1922.

Major R. E. Stace, R. E.,
Master of the Mint,
Bombay, India.

Sir:

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a copy of Reports on the Administration of the Mints at Calcutta and Bombay for the year 1921-22, with a review. The Report will be placed in the Library of this Bureau and read with much interest and benefit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1922.

Mr. R. P. Reese, Auditor,
American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

With reference to our recent request for data from which to prepare the annual preliminary estimate of gold and silver production of the United States, wish to state that the request for separate returns for your Baltimore, Omaha, Perth Amboy, and Selby plants was made in the hope that it might be possible to make such reports on practically the same basis as final reports are furnished for those institutions. The reason that such separate reports was desired is that heretofore, and particularly last year, results obtained from analyzing the final reports were materially different in the cases of a number of states than those obtained from the preliminary reports, and it was thought that if separate reports could be obtained for each of the refineries mentioned a more accurate distribution to states than heretofore possible could be made.

From your letter of December 5th, it is presumed that it will not be practicable for you to provide the reports as requested in letter of this office dated November 25th, and if such is the case the request for separate returns is withdrawn.

Again thanking you for your cooperation in the furnishing of statistical data, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1922.

Mr. M. D. Jenkins,
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Table of Charges used in the Mints and Assay Offices. The contents of the Table are not confidential, but we do not have a supply of the Table for distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

ENCLOSURE

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December 8, 1922.

Mine and Smelter Supply Co.,
42 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt of a letter from the Mint at San Francisco stating that you had not received check for $125.85 in settlement for their purchase of 2 muffles for American Gas Assay furnace, their order No.757, March, 1922. Please be advised that warrant covering the amount in question was issued on December 5th, and you will probably receive the same within a few days.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

W ITTEN:

Washington,
December 9, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,
San Francisco, California.

Offer seventy eight thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

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Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

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December 9, 1922.

Miss Mary Ramacciotti,
143 S. Potomac St.,
Hagerstown, Md.

Madame:

Replying to your inquiry of December 4 you are advised that no five cent pieces were coined in 1913 bearing the Liberty Head.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 9, 1922.

Honorable Francisco Valdes,
Director of the Mint,
Mexico City, Mexico.

Dear Mr. Director:

It gives me much pleasure to acknowledge receipt of a copy of your Report for the fiscal year 1921. The Report will be read with much interest in this Bureau and placed in our files for frequent reference.

With expressions of my appreciation for your courtesy I am, with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

December 9, 1922.

J. R. Gaunt & Son, Inc.,
17 W. 42nd Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of November 27 addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Washington and by the Post Office delivered to this Bureau, I have to advise you that we will be glad to quote you the cost of hubs for miniature medals made for the United States Navy but have to request you obtain from the United States Navy Department authority to have these dies prepared for you. Upon receipt of this authority this Bureau will be glad to go further into the matter and quote prices to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 9, 1922.

Mr. Fred H. Jones, Editor,
The Financial Review,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 4, 1922, you are advised that the following monthly purchases of silver under the Pittman Act have been made during the current fiscal year:

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| July . . . . . | 2,841,000 |
| August . . . . | 8,325,000 |
| September . . | 4,377,445 |
| October . . . | 7,105,625 |
| November . . . | 3,242,836 |

The figures given by this office and quoted in your letter of December 4 are found to be correct upon rechecking. Small purchases made at the mints from time to time make it necessary for this office to revise the totals to correspond.

It is noted in the Financial Review as of this date the total for May, 1922 is carried as 4,112,400. This should be 4,122,400.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 9, 1922.

Mr. Charles Feldman,
99 Madison Avenue,
Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 7 in which you state you are writing your final senior essay on "This History of the Coinage of the United States of America", I would suggest that you procure from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. a copy of the publication entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa." This publication is sold at $1.00 a copy. I regret that we have no copies available for gratuitous distribution. I suggest you enclose the price of the volume, $1.00, together with postage to the Superintendent of Documents. This volume contains a brief history of the coinage of the United States together with much general information on the subject and I trust it will be of service to you.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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December 9, 1922.

Mr. John L. Ways,
c/o Evening Times Office,
Cumberland, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 7 you are advised that the piece you describe is what is known as a "token" piece and is not a coin of the United States. Many types of token pieces were issued during the period of the Civil War, and the piece has no particular numismatic value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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December 9, 1922.

Mr. John J. Racine,
St. Gabriel P.O.,,
Co. Portneuf,
P.Q., Canada.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 28 you are advised that the one cent pieces bearing the head of Lincoln and the initials of the designer, Victor D. Brenner, are not rare as over 20 million of these pieces are in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AR

December 9, 1922.

Chief Coordinator,
General Supply Committee,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has made requisition for a file cabinet which he wants as an addition to the Shaw-Walker cabinet now in his storeroom. He desires a five drawer section, all drawers to be for 4 x 6" cards, with high sides and bottoms perforated for slip-in follower blocks and follower plates. The cabinet which he wishes to extend is metal, olive green in color. Will you please advise this Bureau if sections of the Shaw-Walker cabinet of the size required by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, are in surplus.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 11, 1922.

World Almanac Company,
New York, N.Y.

Forwarding copy of Report today

Scobey

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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December 11, 1923.

American Railway Express Co.,
922 Market Street,
Newark, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 9th inst. concerning shipment from the Director of the Mint to Multiple Unit Electric Co. May 25, 1923 - 1 bx. 165 lbs., on Government B/L #47439, there is enclosed herewith the certificate requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1922.

Mr. J. F. Epley,
Department of Commerce,
New Mexico State Normal School,
Silver City, New Mexico.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 6 you are advised that you name has been forwarded to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., with the request that a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint be sent you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 12, 1922.

Mr. J. E. Churchwell,
27 Harrison Avenue,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to obtain from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco one double eagle of the coinage of 1922. The Superintendents of the Mints have been instructed not to pay out newly minted coins in quantities. This regulation is, however, waived in particular cases of this kind, and it gives me much pleasure to advise you that you can forward this letter to San Francisco with your request and the Superintendent will honor the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 12, 1922.

The Life Institute,
162 E. Ontario Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 8 you are advised that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, and the quarterly circular "Value of Foreign Coins" are the only two regular publications of this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 12, 1922.

Mr. John F. Lewis,
Ekalaka, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 5 you are advised that the so-called Buffalo nickel was designed by Mr. James E. Fraser, 3 MacDougall Alley, New York City.

It is understood that no particular Indian was used for the model for this coin, but it might be more satisfactory for you to address the designer who will give you the exact facts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1922.

Dear Senator Harrison:

Your letter of December 9 enclosing a letter from Mr. J. M. Martin, R. 1, Box 110, Carriere, Mississippi, asking for information relative to the value of certain old coins, is before me.

The Government does not issue a circular covering the value of old coins, and of course pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that a letter addressed to the American Numismatic Society, New York City, might elicit for Mr. Martin the information he seeks.

Mr. Martin's letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Pat Harrison,
United States Senate.

December 12, 1922.

Dear Senator Harrison:

Replying to your letter of December 11 in which you enclose a letter from Dr. Chas. L. W. Reese of Pascagoula, Mississippi, I have to advise you that the bill authorizing the coinage of a fifty cent piece to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of President Hayes has not yet been passed.

It will be possible for your correspondent to obtain the Maine Memorial coin upon application to the State Treasurer, State of Maine, Augusta, Maine. The Alabama Memorial coin may be obtained from the First National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.

It is understood the above coins have been sold at $1.00 each. They are not handled by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Pat Harrison,
United States Senate.

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December 13, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Department Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith 10 contracts covering supplies for the United States Assay Office, New York, corporate seal having been attached in all but the cases of Leon Hirsh & Son and E. B. Newman Charcoal Company; these firms not being corporations have no corporate seals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 13, 1922.

United States Guarantee Company,
111 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 11 you are advised that William S. Kesson, employed at the United States Assay Office as a skilled workman, died on November 21, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

December 13, 1922.

Mr. McKinley Bray,

Blodgett, Mississippi.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 11 I am returning herewith the specimen of rock forwarded by you for assay. There is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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December 13, 1922.

Dr. James W. Dunn,
Sixth Street and Washington Ave.,
Cairo, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 10 you are advised that the emblem used on the dime now being coined is known as the fasces, an emblem of authority frequently employed by artists and sculptors.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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December 13, 1922.

Mrs. Emily Nickerson,
729 Sumner Avenue,
Springfield, Mass.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 11 you are advised that the small letters appearing on the coins are what are known as "Mint Marks" used to indicate the mint at which the coins were made. Coins made at the Mint in New Orleans have the letter "O"; coins made at Denver bear the letter "D", and coins made at San Francisco have the letter "S". The coins made at the Philadelphia Mint are known by the absence of the Mint mark. The letters give no added value to the pieces.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

OR

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December 13, 1922.

Mr. Edward R. Knight,
1605 7th Avenue,
Troy, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date you are advised that the only $50 gold pieces ever authorized by Congress were those issued for the Panama Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915. I am unable to advise you where you could procure one of these pieces. You might address the Exposition Company named above. It is understood that the pieces were sold at $100.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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December 13, 1922.

Mrs. C. W. Whittington,
33 Phila Avenue
Waynesboro, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 13, I have to advise you that the stock of $2.50 gold pieces held in the Treasury is a very limited one, and the pieces are being held as reserve. None of these coins are being paid out. I regret that I am unable to tell you where you could procure these coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

December 13, 1922.

Mr. F. P. Poindexter,
Winston-Salem, N. C.,

Sir:

I am returning herewith the specimen of ore forwarded by you on December 11 and have to advise you that the same is a sample of iron pyrites, (a mixture of iron and sulphur) and the same has no commercial value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 447

December 13, 1922.

Mr. H. H. Yawger,
Chairman of the Board of Governors,
American Numismatic Association.

Dear Mr. Yawger:

I have your letter of December 6th relative to the filling of the position of Curator at the Mint in Philadelphia. I very deeply appreciate the thorough investigation you have made for us in an effort to find a suitable person for this place. Mr. Frey appears to have all of the qualifications requisite, and I regret that we are not in a position to offer him the place. I note from your letter that he is now employed in the Customs Service at a salary of $2740, and the appropriation for the position of Curator at the Mint is only $1800. We could not arrange to have an appropriation made by Congress for a definite purpose diverted to another use than that for which it was provided. The very small salary we have to offer to a candidate for the position of Curator is a serious handicap, but we have no way of overcoming it.

Again thanking you for your very earnest interest in this appointment, and for the assistance you have been to us, I am

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHEEL EN:

Washington,
December 14, 1922.

Sunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company
San Francisco, California.

Offer sixty eight thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Scobey

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

December 14, 1922.

Mr. Jerome L. Schoppe,
Mississippi Valley Trust Company,
Fourth & Pine Streets,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 10 enclosing copy of memorandum of gold deposits made in the Mints at San Francisco and New Orleans in 1857, you are advised that the memorandum was merely a form of temporary receipt given to depositors pending determination of the exact value of the gold deposit. They are not a final receipt for material received at the mint. I would suggest that you address the Assayer in Charge, United States Mint, New Orleans, requesting him to advise you if the records of that institution show anything about this transaction.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1922.

Navy Department,
Bureau of Supplies and Accounts,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $288.00, covering bronze service clasps furnished. Receipts for the delivery of clasps are attached to the voucher. Please cause settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations:

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|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $216.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 72.00 |
| | $288.00 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1922.

Mr. R. E. Allen,
131 R Street, N.E.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to that part of your letter of December 5 which relates to the par value of foreign coins, also their par value during the war, it is assumed you desire the exchange value, and I would suggest that you address the Secretary, Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D.C. The Mint Bureau to which your letter has been referred does not issue any publication covering the exchange value of the coins.

I am enclosing a copy of the circular entitled, "Value of Foreign Coins" which is issued quarterly. The value of gold coins has not been changed since before the war. The value of silver coins is changed from month to month in accordance with the value of the silver contained in the same.

Respectfully,

F. E. Test

Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1922.

Mr. I. M. Lake,
Clarks Hill, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 11 I regret to advise you that it will be impracticable to mint pieces of subsidiary denominations of the regular design. You could obtain half dollars dated 1922 upon application to the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. Half dollars were issued for this association bearing the date 1922 to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Grant. It is understood they are sold at a premium.

The Treasury has not issued any coins of subsidiary denominations for the reason that there is now on hand a very large quantity of coins of all denominations, and we have no possible reason for increasing the stock in the Treasury by new coinage.

I trust the suggestion in regard to the Grant Memorial half dollars for 1922 will be of interest to you.

Respectfully,

F E Test

Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1922.

Miss Ruth Hillsman,
1250 Chestnut Street,
Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Madame:

Your letter of December 8 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau.

There is no document issued by the Department covering the question of demonitization of silver in the United States. For your information, however, I would suggest that you consult a public library where you will no doubt find one or more works on the subject in which you are interested, among which I would suggest "The History of Bimetallism in the United States" by J. Lawrence Laughlin, "Bimettalism Explained" by W. T. Rothwell, and "Money and Bimettalism" by Miller. These references are made off-hand as there are many publications covering this subject in any library. The books named do not stand out particularly as authority but come to mind as reliable works on the subject.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1922.

Dr. J. T. Holdsworth, Vice President,
The Bank of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 12 requesting a copy of the current Report of the Director of the Mint. I take pleasure in forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report for the fiscal year 1922, the last issued.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1922.

Woodward & Lothrop,
F Street,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Under date of November 24 you were invited to bid on supplying this Bureau with a copy of THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN CYCLOPEDIA OF FORMULAS, edited by Albert A. Hopkins.

To date no response has been received to our request. Please advise me whether you will be in position to bid on this order within a short time.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scobey

Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1922.

Mr. Carl A. Byrne,
714 No. L Street,
Tacoma, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to that part of your letter of November 28 which refers to the defacing of coins, you are advised that there is no penalty attached to mutilating coins, but there is a penalty attached to the mutilation of coins and restoring them to circulation. Coins with holes drilled in them are destroyed as coins and cannot be redeemed at face value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1922.

Comptroller,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your communication L-561 of December 9th, will state that the affidavit form submitted therewith, to support sale of 1,264 ounces silver produced by the Hercules Mining Company and treated by the Northport Smelting and Refining Company, also by your Helena plant, will be accepted by the Government as supporting a sale of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1922.

Irvington Smelting & Refining Works,
Irvington, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find 10 affidavits evidencing domestic production and reduction of five parcels silver, produced by the Pittsmont Copper Company and reduced by the Irvington Smelting & Refining Works, to a total of 121.56 ounces. If you will forward the affidavits, also the silver, with a copy of this letter to the United States Mint at Philadelphia payment will be made for the silver at the Pittman Act price of $1.00 per ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1922.

Mr.C. H. Wheeler,
Room 547,
463 West Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 13 you are advised that you can obtain a new one cent piece by addressing the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1922.

Mrs. William Torpey,
415 E. 146 Street,
Bronx, New York.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant you are advised that the piece described by you is not a coin authorized by the United States, but is one of many types issued by private parties when gold was first discovered in California.

I am not able to advise you whether or not collectors pay a premium for such pieces. You might obtain some information by addressing the American Numismatic Society, 95 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1922.

Mr. John Starrett,
40 St. Mary St.,
Dayton, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where this work is done by the Government for the public. Should you desire an assay made I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office Salt Lake City, Utah, where a test will be made for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

F E Leach

Director of the Mint.

OR

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December 15, 1922.

Mr. C. N. Tate,
Tupper Lake,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the specimens of rock forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, S.D. where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

December 16, 1922.

American Railway Express Co.,
326 Market Street,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 14th inst. concerning shipment from the Director of the Mint to the Multiple Unit Electric Co., May 25, 1921 - 1 bx. 105 lbs., on Government B/L #47429, there is enclosed herewith memorandum bill of lading #47429, as requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 16, 1922.

World Almanac,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your wire of November 15 relative to gold and silver production, coinage, etc. during the calendar year 1921, the following is submitted:

Gold and Silver Production

| Gold Ounces | Gold Value | Silver Ounces | Silver Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15,959,643 | $329,915,101 | 175,268,234 | $110,624,051 |

Gold Coinage - Value

$43,130,055.00

Silver Coinage

| Ounces Consumed | Value |
|---|---|
| 148,036,313 | $93,436,081 |

Money Stock of Gold

$8,561,921,000.00

Money Stock of Silver

$2,170,460,000.00

Money Stock of Paper

$159,543,335,000.00 (not including 17,543,000,000,000 rubles of Russia.)

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1922.

Mr. Frank Powell,
Box 79, R.F.D. No. 1,
Crystal Hill, Virginia.

Sir:

Your letter November 23 addressed to the Bureau of Documents has been referred to this Bureau. I am returning herewith the ten cents in stamps and am also enclosing a quarterly circular entitled "Value of Foreign Coins". This circular does not give the rates of exchange on foreign money. For such information I would suggest that you address The Customs Information Exchange, Appraisers Office, New York City.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 16, 1922.

Hon. W. W. Griest,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Griest:

I have for acknowledgement your letter of December 11 relative to Mr. H. B. Keller, an employee of the Mint at Philadelphia. Your letter has been made the basis of an inquiry and I am enclosing a copy of the report of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia relative to Mr. Keller's case.

I am satisfied that the Superintendent is entirely without prejudice in this case, and that, as a matter of fact, Mr. Keller has been treated with unusual consideration. I appreciate, however, that in such cases the fancied grievances of such employees are very real to them, and we do make an effort to assure them of fair treatment.

I trust you will conclude, with me, upon reading the report of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia that Mr. Keller is not being discriminated against - rather quite the contrary.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 16, 1922.

Comptroller,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The manager's sworn statements of sources of silver received at your El Paso plant for the months June to September, 1922, inclusive, carry items under the heading of domestic silver of receipts from G. C. Everett shipping from Zorilla, Sonora, Mexico. Should not these items have been recorded in the column of receipts from foreign countries?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 16, 1922.

Doctor F. M. Sarface,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to advise that gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of November, 1922 were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unrefined domestic gold | - | 104,707.655 fine ounces |
| Unrefined domestic silver | - | 234,596.46 " " |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 16, 1922.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to advise that silver receipts of the mints during the month of November, 1922 were as follows, for the classifications indicated:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unrefined domestic bullion - - | 234,596.46 | fine ounces |
| Unrefined foreign bullion - - | 95,867.50 | " " |
| Foreign silver coin - - | 12,216.13 | " " |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 18, 1922.

Navy Department,
Bureau of Supplies and Accounts,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $1.00, covering one West Indies medal furnished. Receipt for the delivery of this medal is attached to voucher. Please cause settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations;

| | |
|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $.75 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | .25 |
| | $1.00 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 16, 1922.

Mr. C. P. Hasems,
Box 10,
Cardiff, Alberta, Canada.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date you are advised that the Government has not called in the 50 cent coins issued for the Chicago Worlds Exposition. Many of these coins are in circulation at face value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 18, 1922.

Mr. R. W. Bell,
705 W. Oklahoma,
Enid, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 15 you are advised that the gold dollar and silver half dollar issued to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Grant may be obtained from the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. It is understood these coins are sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 19, 1922.

American Metal Company,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer fifty nine thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

Scobey

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR: ----------
2—5736 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

December 19, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of December 18 of 94,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 19, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of 65,000 ounces of silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 19, 1922.

General Accounting Office,
Treasury Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find Pittman silver affidavits supporting Deposit Certificates No. 11, 23, 28, 29, 32, 37, 45, 54, 55, 59, 61, 70, 71, 102, 118, 138, and 151, and two affidavits of the American Smelting and Refining Co. pertaining to the accounts of the Denver Mint for the quarter ended September 30, 1922, which please file therewith.

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

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December 19, 1922.

Mr. Jesse Seaman,
American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 15 relative to adjustment of alleged losses sustained upon three lots of sweeps purchased from the New York Assay Office. I am forwarding your letter to the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, requesting him to take the subject matter of your letter up with you personally.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 20, 1922.

Mr. A. T. Swanson,
402 Santa Anita Ave.,
Burbank, California.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the five dollars enclosed with your letter of December 13, and have to advise you that this Bureau is not now in position to state whether any of the coins of the denomination you desire will be coined during 1923. No half dollars were coined during the current calendar year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 19, 1922.

Mr. Carl O. Anderson,
11 Payson Street,
Worcester, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date you are advised that the Government never issued a one cent piece of the design shown by rubbing enclosed with your letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 19, 1922.

Mr. Geo. Morgan,
314 N. Street,
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 7 you are advised that the Government does not make money out of rubbish. Metal money is made of gold, silver and copper, and the paper money is made from especially prepared paper manufactured for the purpose.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 20, 1922.

Navy Department,
Bureau of Supplies and Accounts,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, amount $400.00, covering 10,000 "West Indies" clasps furnished. Receipt for the delivery of these clasps is attached to the voucher. Please cause settlement to be made, crediting the amount in question to the following appropriations:

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|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | $300.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1923 | 100.00 |
| | $400.00 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
December 20, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Comapny
San Francisco, California.

Offer sixty six thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

Scobey

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

CIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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December 21, 1922.

Mr. S. Adler,
729 E. 168th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of December 16 relative to a metal which you call "Rhotanium" you are informed there is no metal or element of that name. You probably refer to either of the platinum metals Rhodium or Ruthenium, the chemistry properties of which are as follows:

Rhodium - Atomic weight 104. Specific gravity 12.1 and fusing point 2000° C., is a whitish gray metal, less malleable or ductile than platinum, unalterable in the air at ordinary temperature, but oxidizable at a red heat. When pure it resists the action of the strongest acids, even that of aqua regia, but when alloyed with lead, bismuth, copper or platinum it dissolves in that liquid. It does not dissolve in aqua regia when alloyed with gold or silver. It sprouts or spits like silver when heated and gradually cooled after fusion, etc. Its main use is in the form of its salts and in [illegible] thermo couples.

Ruthenium - Fused ruthenium is a hard brittle metal of atomic weight 101.7 and specific gravity 11.4, its melting point lying near 2500° C. It is a grayish white substance, resembling iridium, which oxidizes slowly in air, and when heated covers itself with bluish black ruthenic oxide. It is scarcely affected by acids or aqua regia, but combines with chlorine at a red heat, etc.

For further information you are referred to, "Standard Methods of Chemical Analysis" by H.W. Scott, page 335, and "Qualitative Chemical Analysis" by Prescott and Johnson, page 129. The above metals may probably be obtained in small quantities from "Baker & Co., Newark, N.J., or The Bishop Platinum Works, Malvern, Pa.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1922.

Mr. M. D. Jenkins, Asst. Cashier,
Houston Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Your letter of December 5 addressed to the Government Printing Office, in which you request a copy of the "General Instructions and Regulations in Relation to the Transaction of Business in the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States", has been referred to this Bureau. This book is not for general distribution. It was prepared and issued merely for use of employees of the mints and assay offices. I am, however, taking pleasure in enclosing one copy for your personal use. Please be advised that we do not supply this document for use by the public in any case. However, its contents are not confidential.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1922.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1922, requesting information from which to prepare the annual preliminary estimate of gold and silver production in the United States during the calendar year 1922.

Since no reply to the above mentioned letter has yet been received, the matter is again being brought to your attention in order that if your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, you may find it possible to forward the information at once so that the estimate may be given to the press at the usual time, the first of the coming year.

Your early attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

M. McLaughlin

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1922.

Raritan Copper Works,
42 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1922, requesting information from which to prepare the annual preliminary estimate of gold and silver production in the United States during the calendar year 1922.

Since no reply to the above mentioned letter has yet been received, the matter is again being brought to your attention in order that if your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, you may find it possible to forward the information at once so that the estimate may be given to the press at the usual time, the first of the coming year.

Your early attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1922.

Balbach Smelting & Refining Co.,
560 Market St.,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1922, requesting information from which to prepare the annual preliminary estimate of gold and silver production in the United States during the calendar year 1922.

Since no reply to the above mentioned letter has yet been received, the matter is again being brought to your attention in order that if your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, you may find it possible to forward the information at once so that the estimate may be given to the press at the usual time, the first of the coming year.

Your early attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

M. McBride

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1922.

Irvington Smelting & Refining Works,
30 Church Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1922, requesting information from which to prepare the annual preliminary estimate of gold and silver production in the United States during the calendar year 1922.

Since no reply to the above mentioned letter has yet been received, the matter is again being brought to your attention in order that if your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, you may find it possible to forward the information at once so that the estimate may be given to the press at the usual time, the first of the coming year.

Your early attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1922.

Goldsmith Brothers,
Heyworth Building,
5844 S. Throop St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1922, requesting information from which to prepare the annual preliminary estimate of gold and silver production in the United States during the calendar year 1922.

Since no reply to the above mentioned letter has yet been received, the matter is again being brought to your attention in order that if your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, you may find it possible to forward the information at once so that the estimate may be given to the press at the usual time, the first of the coming year.

Your early attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1922.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1922, requesting information from which to prepare the annual preliminary estimate of gold and silver production in the United States during the calendar year 1922.

Since no reply to the above mentioned letter has yet been received, the matter is again being brought to your attention in order that if your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, you may find it possible to forward the information at once so that the estimate may be given to the press at the usual time, the first of the coming year.

Your early attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. W. Raudenbush

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1922.

St. Louis Smelting & Refining Company,
722 Chestnut Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1922, requesting information from which to prepare the annual preliminary estimate of gold and silver production in the United States during the calendar year 1922.

Since no reply to the above mentioned letter has yet been received, the matter is again being brought to your attention in order that if your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, you may find it possible to forward the information at once so that the estimate may be given to the press at the usual time, the first of the coming year.

Your early attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1922.

Pennsylvania Smelting Co.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1922, requesting information from which to prepare the annual preliminary estimate of gold and silver production in the United States during the calendar year 1922.

Since no reply to the above mentioned letter has yet been received, the matter is again being brought to your attention in order that if your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, you may find it possible to forward the information at once so that the estimate may be given to the press at the usual time, the first of the coming year.

Your early attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

F. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1922.

Mr. Lawrence Kiefer,
Box 354. Kiowa. Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 16 you are advised that the pencil rubbing enclosed represents an English coin. I am unable to advise you of the numismatic value of the piece.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1922.

Mr. I. P. Allen,
457 Montgomery Street,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 15 you are advised it is estimated we will require approximately 53,000,000 ounces of silver more than we have purchased to date under the terms of the Pittman Act, and at the rate silver is now being purchased and at which it is likely to be offered it will probably take until some time next fall to complete purchased under the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 22, 1922.

Pennsylvania Smelting Company,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Offer forty five hundred ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 22, 1922.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer two hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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December 22, 1922.

Mr. William DeJongh,
649 Brookwood Place,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 18 addressed to the Department of Commerce and referred to this Bureau, you are advised that the weight in grams of the coins mentioned below is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Silver dollar | 26.7301 |
| Half dollar | 12.5000 |
| Quarter dollar | 6.2500 |
| Dime | 2.5000 |
| Nickel | 5.0000 |
| Cent | 3.1104 |

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN

Washington,

December 22, 1922.

American Smelting and Refining Company
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Offer one million five hundred thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted Philadelphia

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.
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December 23, 1922.

Mr. Ira E. McConnell,
Richmond Rural High School,
Richmond, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 20 you are advised that the coinage of gold dollars was discontinued in 1889. These coins are not now paid out by the Treasury.

A gold dollar commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of President Grant was issued this year. They are being distributed at a premium by the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Tracting Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. These coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

W. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 26, 1922.

Miss Sylvia Wiener,
92 Rogers Avenue & Robison St.,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Miss Wiener:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 21. The Mints were recently closed to visitors and I regret to advise you that we will be unable to waive the order at the present time.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelley

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1922.

Mr. Ralph P. Wagner,
215 East Main Street,
Durham. North Carolina.

Durham Public Service Co.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 22, you are advised that the mutilated money you have on hand should be forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 26, 1922.

Mr. E. K. Hardy,

Delta, Alabama.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the bottle forwarded in connection with your letter of December 20, and said to contain gold, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where the Government purchases such deposits. Gold is accepted by the United States Assay Office, New York, when presented in quantities approximating or exceeding $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

M. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1922.

Mr. Delbert Black,
525 Irving Avenue,
Beaumont, Texas.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the metal forwarded in connection with your letter of December 20 for assay, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send about five pounds of this material to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay will be made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

F. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 26, 1922.

Mr. C. W. Ives,
122 Meadow Street,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 20 you are advised that no fifty cent pieces of the regular coinage were issued during the current calendar year. Coins of this denomination commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of President Grant were issued bearing the date 1922, and these coins may be obtained upon application to the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. It is understood they are sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
December 27, 1922.

Anaconda Copper Mining Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Please have your western office wire us collect estimated nineteen twenty two receipts gold and silver by sources

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1923.
2—5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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December 27, 1922.

Mr. E. O. Dexter,
The Dexter House,
Okemah, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 22 you are advised that the coins issued to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Grant are distributed by the U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. These coins were made in two denominations, one dollar gold pieces and fifty cent silver pieces. It is understood they are sold at a premium. The Treasury Department does not handle their dsitribution.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 27, 1922.

Dr. Moritz Wormser, President,
The American Numismatic Association,
96 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The Director of the Mint has instructed me to tell you that he has given careful consideration to your recent letter proposing the issue of subsidiary silver coins bearing the date 1922, and to express his regret that on account of the large amount of subsidiary silver coins of all denominations now in the Treasury, for which there is no demand, he does not feel justified in having an additional stock manufactured.

Respectfully,

W. T. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 27, 1922.

Hon. Hugh L. Nichols, Chairman,
U.S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association,
1012 Traction Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 21, I have to advise you that the Treasurer of the United States has been requested to direct the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to receive the undistributed Grant memorial half dollars from you, in amount about 28,000 pieces, to be melted up. The Treasurer will forward instructions to you in regard to the shipment of the coins to the Mint at Philadelphia at your expense and risk.

Respectfully,

F. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 28, 1922.

Bunker Hill Sullivan Company
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer sixty-eight thousand ounces Pitman silver accepted for delivery San Francisco.

O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1923.

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GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 28, 1922.

American Smelting Refining Company
120 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Your offer million ounces silver accepted delivery San Francisco under terms Pittman Act.

O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1923.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

December 28, 1922.

The United Metals Selling Company,
42 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of December 28, amounting to 400,000 ounces of fine silver is accepted under the terms of the Pittman Act for delivery to the Miht at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 28, 1922.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of 300,000 ounces of silver, dated December 27, 1922, is accepted for delivery to the United States Mint at Philadelphia under the terms of the Pittman Act.

Respectfully,

D. W. McRae

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 28, 1922.

The Nichols Copper Company
25 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Attention of Mr. Bennett.

Gentlemen:

If satisfactory to you Mr. Frantz of this Bureau will be at your office on Thursday, January 4. Should this date be inconvenient for you please advise. In the absence of word from you we will conclude that the date named for Mr. Frantz's visit will be all right.

Respectfully,

M. W. Reild,

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 29, 1922.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company,
San Francisco, California.

Offer December twenty eight of seventy two thousand ounces Pittman silver accepted San Francisco

O'Reilly

Acting Director

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CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1923
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

December 29, 1922.

The Director of the Mint.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

The following are the results of assays, made in the Bureau Laboratory, on two counterfeit gold coins submitted by the Secret Service Division.

| | Eagle. 1901. | Half Eagle. 1880. |
|---|---|---|
| Weight | 165.60--grains | 95.60 |
| Gold | 465.0 | 454.1 |
| Silver. | 137.2 | 212.0 |
| Base | 327.8 | 333.9 |

Scrap is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Bureau Assayer.

Bureau of the Mint,
December 29, 1922.

Respectfully forwarded to the Chief, Secret Service Division, Treasury Department.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 29, 1922.

Mr. A. W. Motz,
1425 Montier St.,
Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of December 27 addressed to the Treasury Department has been referred to this Bureau. Your name has been forwarded to the Superintendent of Documents with the request that a copy of the Report just issued be forwarded to you. This should reach you in a few days. This report gives the coinage for a series of years. If we can be of further service to you please advise this Bureau.

Respectfully,

D. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 29, 1922.

Mr. C. S. Bicksford, Assistant Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of December 26 you are advised that five cent pieces were coined in 1921. No nickel pieces have been coined in 1922. The figures were carried in the Report for the fiscal year 1922 as observed in your letter.

I am enclosing a copy of the coinage report for the calendar year 1921, and will forward a copy of the report for the calendar year 1922 as soon as issued. Coinage for the calendar year 1922 was confined to a few one cent pieces issued early in the year to complete partial coinage, and $20.00 gold pieces and silver dollars.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 29, 1922.

Mr. Alva A. Feik,
1441 Madison Ave.,
Wichita, Kansas.

Sir:

This will be authority for you to obtain from the Mint at San Francisco or the Mint at Philadelphia, as you please, a $20.00 gold piece of the coinage of 1922.

If you will forward a copy of this letter to the Superintendent of either institution, together with the face value of the coin and a sufficient amount to cover the cost of postage, a $20.00 gold piece of this year's coinage will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1922.

Mr. C. R. Anderson,
Box 348,
Mason City, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 25 you are advised that no catalogue has been issued by the United States Mint at Philadelphia since 1914.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 29, 1922.

Mr. W. S. Mason,

Belington, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date you are advised that the motto "In God We Trust" first appeared on the coins in 1864. The coins issued previous to that year were without the motto.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1922.

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in reference to adequate protection for the property in his custody at the United States Mint in that city. The following is an excerpt from the Superintendent's letter:

"In this connection I should like to call attention to suggestions and recommendations made by me and personally investigated and approved by Director Scobey relative to additional protection to the mint. These recommendations consisted of an additional gate at West end of the entrance into the East court, and grilled gates placed on doors of rooms entering into court-yards. I also recommended grilled or barred protection for windows on the second floor. (See my letter June 1, 1922).

"I believe, after the Director's visit to the mint, the matter was referred to the Supervising Architect, who sent a representative here on July last who appeared to approve most of the suggestions made, but nothing further was ever done in the matter. He was not impressed with the idea of grill or bar protection on the windows, as he stated they could easily be cut with the modern torches. However, there are some of the windows, those in the Cashier's office especially, which, in my opinion and that of other officials here, are in their present condition dangerous and I have taken steps to remove this weak point by placing bars on these windows. As I stated in my letter of June 1, 1922, most if not all the window sashes on the 2d floor of this building are in very bad condition and would afford little resistance to an attack."

This Bureau will appreciate advice from you as to whether the suggestions of the Superintendent are practicable and can be complied with.

Respectfully,

M. Ch. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 29, 1922.

Mr. Herbert A. Locke,
600 Western Avenue,
Lynn, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 26 you are advised that the only $50.00 gold piece ever issued by the Government was for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in 1915. You may possibly obtain one of the coin by applying to the Secretary of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, California.

Respectfully,

W. M. Woolley

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1922.

Mr. H. L. Hoard, Editor,
Jefferson County Union,
Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Your letter of December 22 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury enclosing a clipping relative to the robbery at Denver has been referred to this Bureau. The suggestion has been read with attention and I thank you for your interest in the matter.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 30, 1922.

Mr. W. deL. Benedict,
1 West 54th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 28 I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the Table of Charges used in the Mints and Assay Offices, which covers the rates of charges on bullion of various degrees of fineness.

You are correct in understanding that gold coin is paid for gold bullion if the owner and possessor of gold bullion asks for coin. It is the practise at the mints to pay for gold deposits by check on the Treasurer of the United States. Payment can be asked in gold coin as the checks are cashed.

There is a melting charge of $1.00 for the first 1000 ounces or fraction thereof and 10 cents additional for each 100 ounces or fraction thereof in excess of 1000 ounces. Please see paragraph 1 of the table of charges herewith.

Deposits containing 800 thousandths or more of base metal are not received at the mints. Please see paragraph 3 of the table of charges.

Your name has been forwarded to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, for a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 30, 1922.

Mr. R. B. Menapace,
140 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 27 I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of the circular entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World." No later edition than 1916 has been issued. This Bureau issues no pamphlet covering foreign exchange. However, I am forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922, which includes statistics of gold imports and exports. I would suggest that you address a letter to the Secretary of the Federal Reserve Board for information relative to exchange, and to the Department of Commerce for further statistical information.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 30, 1922.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 28, 1920, I have the honor to submit the monthly estimate of the value of the silver content of the following coins:

| | |
|---|---|
| Mexican dollar . . . . . | $0.5047 |
| British & Hongkong dollar. . | .5010 |
| Yuan dollar . . . . . | .4936 |

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.